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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

CITY OF BOSTON

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

1899.

Term Expires January, 1900.

FRANK E. BATEMAN,
FREDERICK S. BENNETT,
WILLIAM H. BOWDLEAR,
FRANCIS L. COOLIDGE,
EMILY A. FIFIELD,
CHARLES FLEISCHER,
HENRY D. HUGGAN,
JAMES A. MCDONALD.

Term Expires January, 1901.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,
GEORGE W. ANDERSON,
CHARLES L. BURRILL,
SAMUEL H. CALDERWOOD,
SAMUEL E. COURTNEY,
ARCHIBALD T. DAVISON,
WILLIAM J. GALLIVAN,
THOMAS F. STRANGE.

Term Expires January, 1902.

THOMAS W. BERRIDGE,
JOHN A. BRETT,
FRANCIS A. CAMPBELL,
ELIZABETH C. KELLER,
THOMAS J. KENNY,
IGNATIUS S. MCDONOUGH,
WILLIAM F. MERRITT,
J. CARLTON NICHOLS.

In School Committee, Jan. 9, 1899.

The meeting for the organization of the Board of School Committee of the City of Boston, for this municipal year, was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, Jan. 9, 1899, being the second Monday in said month, at seven and one-half o'clock, P.M.

Present: all the members.

The Board was called to order by Mr. James A. McDonald, the senior member present.

At the request of the Chair, prayer was offered by Rev. Edward A. Horton.

The following members of the Board of last year continue in office, having unexpired terms: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Huggan, McDonald and Strange.

Members with unexpired terms.

The Chair read the following:

Board of Election Commissioners,
Boston, Dec. 31, 1898.

To Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary School Committee:

Sir: We hereby certify that, as appeared by the votes cast for members of the School Committee, at the Municipal Election, held on the 13th inst., in the City of Boston, the following-named persons were elected:

Communication from Board of Election Commissioners; members-elect of School Committee.

For Three Years.

Thomas W. Berridge.	Thomas J. Kenny.
John A. Brett.	Ignatius S. McDonough.
Francis A. Campbell.	William F. Merritt.
Elizabeth C. Keller.	J. Carlton Nichols.

For One Year.

Frederick S. Bennett.

Respectfully,

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOS. J. CORBETT,
Board of Election Commissioners.

Placed on file.

Credentials of members-elect.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Davison and Gallivan a committee to collect the certificates of members-elect.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported that credentials had been received from the newly-elected members as follows: For three years, — Thomas W. Berridge, John A. Brett, Francis A. Campbell, Elizabeth C. Keller, Thomas J. Kenny, Ignatius S. McDonough, William F. Merritt, J. Carlton Nichols. For one year, — Frederick S. Bennett.

The report was accepted, and the credentials placed on file.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the public schools of last year, which do not involve the expenditure of money be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the public schools of last year, which involve the expenditure of money be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

Election of President.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the Board proceeded to ballot for a President.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Davison and Gallivan a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 25.

The ballot was declared void.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Board proceeded to ballot for a President.

Henry D. Huggan elected President.

The committee appointed to receive, sort and count the votes, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice,

12. George W. Anderson had 10 votes; Henry D. Huggan had 12 votes, and was declared elected as President of the Board.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Anderson and Strange a committee to conduct the President to the chair.

The President in the chair.

The President made the following address:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the School Committee: It is certainly a very great compliment to be elected for the third time to preside over this Board. I thank you sincerely for this renewal of your confidence. I promise you, fellow-members, that I shall endeavor to perform the duties of the office in such a way as to retain your confidence and respect. I shall endeavor to be fair and just in my treatment of all the members, knowing that in return I shall receive your hearty support and coöperation. I shall follow as closely as possible the proceedings of the meetings, with a view of facilitating the business of the Board as rapidly as will be consistent with the importance of the measures presented for consideration.

It is needless for me at this time to refer to the large amount of work accomplished by the committee of last year, or to speak of the matters which will engage the attention of the present Board. I know that all the questions and measures to be considered will receive the loyal attention of every member.

I desire, before closing, to extend a hearty welcome to all the new members, and to assure them that I shall do everything in my power to make them comfortable and at home in their new field of labor.

Again I thank you for electing me to preside over your deliberations another year.

Election of Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, the Board proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and Messrs. Burrill, Brett and Coolidge were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice, 11; Thornton D. Apollonio had 21 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Secretary qualified.

The Secretary of the Board was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation, taking the oath of office.

Election of Auditing Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Davison, the Board proceeded to the election of an Auditing Clerk, and Messrs. Davison, Aldrich and Berridge were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice, 10. William J. Porter had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Messenger.

On motion of Mr. Bowdlear, the Board proceeded to the election of a Messenger, and Messrs. Bowdlear, Bennett and Courtney were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 15; necessary for a choice, 8. Alvah H. Peters had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Nichols, the Board proceeded to the election of a Treasurer of the Corporation, and Messrs. Nichols, Kenny and Strange were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice, 11. James A. McDonald had 21 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, it was

Committee to take charge of exhibition of work of Boston Public Schools, at Paris Exposition.

Ordered, That a special committee of three be appointed by the Chair to take charge of all matters relating to the exhibition of the work of the public schools of this city at the Paris Exposition during the year 1900.

Mr. Strange offered the following:

Adjourned meeting.

Ordered, That when the Board adjourns it be to meet in this room on Thursday, January 12, 1899, at five o'clock, P.M.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Committee to report in print.

Ordered, That the several committees may, with the permission of the Board, make any report in print which they deem proper.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Davison, it was

Ordered, That the unfinished business of last year, referred to this Board, be referred to the appropriate committees, when appointed.

Unfinished business referred.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 27, 1898.

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house in the Thomas N. Hart District be named the Liberty D. Packard School, in honor of the late Dr. Packard.

Naming of new Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District.

Referred to the next School Board.

A true copy.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, referred to the Committee on the Sixth Division, when appointed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 27, 1898.

The Superintendent presented the following:

Communication from Superintendent; number of pupils to be admitted to Normal School to be limited.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
Dec. 27, 1898.

I desire to make the following recommendations in relation to the Normal School of this city:

1. That the number of pupils admitted in September, 1899, and thereafter, be limited to seventy-five, these to be selected from properly qualified applicants by means of a competitive examination.

2. That applicants, in order to be admitted to the competitive examination, must show

(*a.*) That they are residents of Boston.

(*b.*) That they have completed a four years' course of study in a Boston high school, or an equivalent course of study elsewhere.

(*c.*) That their scholarship marks during the last year of their high school course have averaged not below the standard of

"good," as recognized by the Board of Supervisors (expressed by the mark 200 on the "Z Blank").

(*d.*) That they are physically well and strong.

3. That all these seventy-five pupils, or as many of them as satisfactorily complete the two years' course of the Normal School in June, be placed the following September in the grammar, primary or kindergarten schools of the city, there to serve three months; then, all changing districts, three months longer; and then, all again changing districts, for the remainder of the year.

4. That for this first year's service a moderate salary, say $300, be paid.

5. That Supervisors and Principals be required to observe and report upon this first year's service; these reports, together with the records made in the Normal School, to be the basis for forming a Merit List, from which permanent appointments shall be made during the second year and thereafter.

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Ordered printed, and referred to the next School Board.

A true copy.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Strange, referred to the Committee on the Normal School, when appointed.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO.
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 12, 1899.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at five o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Anderson, Calderwood, Davison, Fleischer, and Mrs. Keller.

On motion of Mr. Merritt, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 27, 1898.

The Superintendent presented the following:

HONORABLE DISCHARGES.

Lowell District. — *Marcella-street Home.* — Annie Dooley, Eleanor F. Somerby, assistants, Grammar School, Dec. 31, 1898. Honorable discharges.

Laid over, under the rule.

A true copy.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, *Secretary.*

On motion of Mr. Burrill, specially assigned to the next meeting. Special assignment.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Annual Report, presented the annual report of the School Committee for 1898. Annual Report for 1898.

Accepted.

The Chair appointed the following standing committees, also the Normal, High School, and Division Committees, viz.:

Standing Committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Accounts. — Francis L. Coolidge, Chairman; Messrs. Gallivan, Nichols, Burrill, and Merritt.

Courses of Study and Text-Books. — Thomas F. Strange, Chairman; Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Anderson.

Evening Schools. —James A. McDonald, Chairman; Messrs. Anderson, Fleischer, Brett, and Bennett.

Horace Mann School. — Mrs. Keller, Chairman; Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Bennett, McDonough, and Merritt.

Hygiene and Physical Training. — Samuel H. Calderwood, Chairman; Messrs. Bateman, Fleischer, Bennett, and Kenny.

Legislative Matters. — Charles Fleischer, Chairman; Messrs. Strange, Berridge, Merritt, and Bateman.

New Buildings. — Edward I. Aldrich, Chairman; Messrs. Courtney, Huggan, Coolidge, and Campbell.

Rules and Regulations. — George W. Anderson, Chairman; Messrs. Gallivan, Brett, Nichols, and McDonough.

Salaries. — William J. Gallivan, Chairman; Mr. Burrill, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Aldrich, and Kenny.

School Houses. — Thomas F. Strange, Chairman; Messrs. Davison, McDonald, Berridge, and Bowdlear.

Supplies. — Archibald T. Davison, Chairman; Messrs. Calderwood, Courtney, Huggan, and Campbell.

Truant Officers. — James A. McDonald, Chairman; Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Nichols, and McDonough.

Normal, High School, and Division Committees.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

(*Alphabetical order. Chairmen, elective.*)

Normal School. — Messrs. Aldrich, Berridge, Bowdlear, Courtney, and Kenny.

High Schools. — Messrs. Brett, Calderwood, Davison, Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Gallivan.

First Division. — Messrs. Bateman, Berridge, Burrill, Huggan, and McDonald.

Second Division. — Messrs. Bateman, Berridge, Bennett, McDonald, and McDonough.

Third Division. — Messrs. Burrill, Courtney, Fleischer, Kenny and Merritt.

Fourth Division. — Messrs. Anderson, Coolidge, Courtney, Gallivan, and Mrs. Keller.

Fifth Division. — Messrs. Bennett, Campbell, Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Nichols.

Sixth Division. — Messrs. Bowdlear, Coolidge, Gallivan, Kenny, and Nichols.

Seventh Division. — Messrs. Bennett, Brett, Calderwood, McDonough, and Strange.

Eighth Division. — Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bowdlear, Brett, and Mrs. Keller.

Ninth Division. — Mr. Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Nichols, and Strange.

Special Committee on Paris Exposition. — James A. McDonald, Chairman; Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Davison.

The appointments were approved.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 24, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Aldrich and Strange.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Board of Estimate and Apportionment; applications for loans for school buildings.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
BOSTON, Jan. 24, 1899.

To the Boston School Committee:

I transmit herewith, for your information, a copy of a vote passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting held this day.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT,
Jan. 24, 1899.

Voted, That the Chairman notify the School Committee that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will be ready on February 1st to receive and consider any applications for loans for school buildings, and that the Board believes that applications for such loans should be made to it, rather than to the Legislature.

Passed.

A true copy. Attest:

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land on Munroe street taken for school purposes.

CITY OF BOSTON,
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Jan. 18, 1899.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with the Trustees under the will of D. W. Williams upon the sum of forty-one hundred seven and sixty one-hundredths dollars as payment for 5,868 square feet of land on Munroe street, at Roxbury, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston May 19, 1898 (taking recorded same day), upon said trustees giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Mayor's Advisory Committee on Free Municipal Lectures; distribution of announcements of lectures in public schools.

MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FREE MUNICIPAL LECTURES.
64 PEMBERTON SQUARE, BOSTON, Jan. 24, 1899.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

It is respectfully requested that an order be passed, permitting the distribution in the public schools, of announcements of the free Municipal Lectures.

For the Committee on Municipal Lectures,
CHARLOTTE BARRELL WARE,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Department of Municipal Statistics; statistics relating to school buildings.

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
71 CITY HALL, BOSTON, Jan. 13, 1899.

To the School Board of the City of Boston:

GENTLEMEN, — I am requested by the Board in charge of this Department to inform you that we shall ask your co-operation during the coming year in collecting certain statistics relating to school buildings.

We started an inquiry during the past year into the cost of maintaining the different school buildings, with a view of throwing some light upon the question of how far it is possible to establish a relation between the character and first cost of a

building and the annual expense of maintenance. In order to gather anything of value on this point, it is necessary to know what sums have been expended since the date of their completion on the various school buildings, and for what purposes. We have not yet been able to find any published information of this sort, the classification in the Auditor's Report having regard to the character of the work performed, as plumbing, painting, roofing, etc., but not defining the buildings on which the work was done.

I think you will recognize that the information which we propose to gather will be of value, and I beg leave to suggest that your appropriation order for the coming year contain the following items among others:

1. Repairs and alterations of school buildings.
2. Salaries of janitors.
3. Fuel, gas and water; thus continuing the classification hitherto adopted by the Auditor; and to further suggest that your accounts be kept in such manner as to show what proportion of each of these items is properly chargeable to each individual school building. By so doing, you will gather information which will not only be of value to yourselves for administrative purposes, but will also greatly facilitate the collection of statistics by this department.

Very respectfully,

LAURENCE MINOT,
Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Dudley District. — Augustine L. Rafter, sub-master, Jan. 2, 1899.

Emerson District. — Bremen E. Sinclair, first assistant, Grammar School, Jan. 2, 1899.

Prescott District. — Grace A. Park, assistant, Primary School, Jan. 31, 1899.

Cottage Place Kindergarten. — Fanny W. Bacon, assistant, Dec. 31, 1898.

Franklin Evening School. — Augustine L. Rafter, principal, Jan. 2, 1899.

Washington Allston Evening School. — John A. Brett, principal, Jan. 2, 1899.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfers for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Special assistant.

Cottage Place Kindergarten. — Clara G. Dennis, from Jan. 2, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Temporary teachers.

Normal School. — Mary L. Vining, assistant, from Jan. 25, 1899.

Placed on file.

Re-appointments of Temporary Teachers.

Normal School. — Gertrude R. Coffin, assistant, from Feb. 13, 1899.

Christopher Gibson District. — Florence E. Marshall, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 13, 1899.

Dearborn District. — Amanda C. Ellison, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 13, 1899.

Phillips District. — Katharine J. Burke, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 1, 1899. Elizabeth M. Shine, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 30, 1899.

Tileston District. — Josephine Hammond, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 23, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

ON PROBATION.

Teacher on probation.

Dudley District. — Samuel A. Johnson, sub-master, from Feb. 15, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Frank B. Masters, assistant instructor.

Bigelow District. — Alice M. Robinson, assistant, Grammar School.

Chapman District. — Gertrude L. Gardner, assistant, Grammar School.

Dillaway District. — Florence W. Aiken, assistant, Primary School.

George Putnam District. — Mary L. Crowe, Thalia Goddard, assistants, Grammar School.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Kathie H. Emery, assistant, Primary School.

Lewis District. — Allan L. Sedley, sub-master.

Lowell District. — Ellen Carver, assistant, Grammar School.

Mather District. — Elizabeth Donaldson, first assistant, Primary School. Ella J. Costello, Sadie M. Spalding, assistants, Primary School.

Laid over, under the rule.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Dwight District. — Henry C. Parker, sub-master, to the same position in the Warren District, to date from Feb. 15, 1899.

39 North Bennet-street Kindergarten. — Mary C. Peabody, principal, to the same position in the Paul Revere Kindergarten, to date from Feb. 1, 1899. Mary I. Parker, assistant, to the same position in the Paul Revere Kindergarten, to date from Feb. 1, 1899.

Lincoln Evening School. — Gustavus F. Guild, principal, to the same position in the Franklin Evening School, to date from Feb. 15, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistants in Evening schools.

Evening High School. — Assistant, Ralph W. Gifford, from Jan. 4, 1899. *Charlestown Branch.* — Assistant in charge, Walter L. Harrington, from Jan. 4, 1899.

Dearborn School. — Assistant, William W. Howe, from Oct. 24, 1898.

Eliot School. — Assistants, Henrietta F. Johnson, from Dec 13, 1898. Mary L. McCollough, from Jan. 2, 1899. Mary F. Magrath, from Jan. 5, 1899.

Lincoln School. — Principal, Robert E. Burke, from Feb. 15, 1899.

Quincy School. — Assistant, Calliope S. Vaitses, from Jan. 2. 1899.

Washington Allston School. — Principal, George E. Murphy, from Jan. 2, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Bennett District. — Clara L. Harrington, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 4, 1899, until March 1, 1899; Eleanor M. Jordan, substitute.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth R. Preston, first assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 2, 1899, until Feb. 1, 1899; Grace Hammond, substitute. Elizabeth N. Smith, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 2, 1899, until April 1, 1899; Mary F. Murphy, substitute.

Everett District. — Evelyn E. Morse, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 2, 1899, until May 2, 1899; Theresa Currie, substitute.

Franklin District. — Isabella M. Harmon, first assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 2, 1899, until April 1, 1899; Ethel N. Fales, substitute. Eva D. Pickering, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 2, 1899, until April 1, 1899; Mary L. McCollough, substitute.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Louise L. Carr, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 11, 1899, until March 11, 1899; Edith F. Brainerd, substitute.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Ellen F. A. Hagerty, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan 6, 1899, to May 6, 1899; James Burrier, substitute. Ida M. Mayers, substitute for Sarah H. Hosmer, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Hyde District. — Silas C. Stone, master, from Jan. 2, 1899, until Feb. 1, 1899.

John A. Andrew District. — Mary A. Jenkins, first assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 2, 1899, until May 1, 1899; Annie M. Zbrosky, substitute.

Phillips District. — Ruth E. Rowe, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 21, 1898, until March 1, 1899.

Quincy District. — Viola M. I. Clark, substitute for Katherine L. Wilson, granted leave of absence.

Rice District. — Charles F. Kimball, sub-master, from Jan. 7, 1899, until May 7, 1899; John A. Russell, substitute.

Plummer Kindergarten. — Helen J. Morris, assistant, from Dec. 23, 1898, until Feb. 1, 1899; Frances L. Peck, substitute.

The Superintendent presented the following appointment and recommendation for leave of absence, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Lyman District. — Sophie G. Thayer, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 13, 1899. Temporary teacher.

The employment of the teacher named was approved, under a suspension of the rule. Rules suspended.

The report of the Superintendent, of the teacher appointed to this position, was placed on file.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Hancock District. — Teresa M. Gargan, first assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 1, 1899, to April 1, 1899. Leave of absence granted Teresa M. Gargan.

Granted, under a suspension of the rule. Rules suspended.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

President to petition General Court for an appropriation for additional Grammar and Primary School accommodations.

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be, and he hereby is, authorized to petition the General Court for an annual amount of $500,000 during this and the succeeding four years, to be expended by this Board, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, for additional Grammar and Primary School accommodations.

Mr. Anderson moved that the order be laid on the table.

Passed.

Mr. Courtney doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered on the verification of the same.

Mr. Anderson's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Berridge, Bowdlear, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood, Campbell, Coolidge, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonough, Merritt, and Nichols — 19.

Nays: Messrs. Courtney, Huggan and McDonald — 3.

Absent: Messrs. Aldrich and Strange.

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appropriation for enlargement of lot of Munroe-street School-house.

Ordered, That from the total amount of $145,000 appropriated Sept. 22, 1896, and Feb. 9, 1897, out of the amount granted the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, for West End School-house, site, the following transfer be made:

Munroe-street school-house, enlargement of lot, $4,107.60.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, offered the following:

Purchase of land on Munroe street, for school purposes. [See p. 14.]

Ordered, That there be paid to the Trustees under the will of D. W. Williams the sum of forty-one

hundred seven and $\frac{60}{100}$ dollars, as payment for 5,868 square feet of land on Munroe street, Roxbury, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, May 19, 1898 (taking recorded same day), upon said trustees giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Isaac Coffin & Co., in the sum of $3,972, for furnishing a heating and ventilating system in the Mechanic Arts High School-house; said firm being the lowest bidder.

Execution of contract for heating and ventilating Mechanic Arts High School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriation be made:

Appropriation for addition to Mechanic Arts High School-house.

Mechanic Arts High School-house, addition, $55,000.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Anderson, the votes whereby the two orders immediately preceding were declared passed, were reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the orders were recommitted to the Committee on New Buildings, with instructions to report whether the provisions of section 33 of the Rules had been violated.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be requested to issue, during the current year, negotiable bonds of the city to the amount of three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000), and to hold the proceeds of the same in the

Order for City Treasurer to issue bonds for $300,000 for new High and Latin School-houses.

treasury, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for lands taken and the building and furnishing of High and Latin School-houses, under the provisions of chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898.

Statement of expenditures made by School Committee under chapters 408 of Acts of 1895 and 442 of Acts of 1897.

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, presented a statement in print showing expenditures made by the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, exclusive of the $500,000 devoted to High School purposes, during 1897 and 1898.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appointment of janitor of Webb School.

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on School Houses, reported for the approval of the Board, the following appointment:

JANITOR.

Webb School. — Charles L. Glidden, from Dec. 12, 1898.

Accepted, and the appointment approved.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following:

President to petition General Court for an appropriation for additional Normal School accommodations.

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be, and he hereby is, authorized to petition the General Court for an additional amount of three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000), to be expended by this Board in accordance with the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, for additional Normal School accommodations.

Mr. Anderson moved that the order be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. Anderson's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Berridge, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood, Campbell, Coolidge,

Davison, Gallivan, Kenny, McDonough and Merritt — 14.

Nays: Messrs. Bowdlear, Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald and Nichols — 8.

Absent: Messrs. Aldrich and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, it was

Discontinuance of kindergarten at No. 39 North Bennet street.

Ordered, That the kindergarten at No. 39 North Bennet street, Eliot District, of which Mary C. Peabody is principal, be discontinued on and after Feb. 1, 1899.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, it was

Establishment of kindergarten in Paul Revere School.

Ordered, That a kindergarten, to be known as the Paul Revere Kindergarten, be established in the Paul Revere School-house, Hancock District, from and after Feb. 1, 1899.

Mr. Burrill offered the following:

Committee on Accounts to include in their expenses for ensuing year, appropriation for alterations and repairs on school buildings, etc.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to include in their estimates of the expenses of the public schools for the ensuing financial year, a sum not exceeding $250,000 for alterations and repairs on school buildings, and temporary accommodations for school purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Burrill offered the following:

Coal furnished for school buildings.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies, when inviting proposals for coal to be furnished for school buildings, shall specify definitely the kind and quality of coal for which bids will be considered, including among other requirements that it shall come from one or more specified mines or localities, that its constituent parts and efficiency shall be at least equal to a certain standard, and that its conformity thereto shall be determined by tests made by an expert to be appointed by said committee.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Special assignment. [See p. 9.]

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the special assignment was taken up, as follows:

HONORABLE DISCHARGES.

Lowell District. — Marcella-street Home. — Annie Dooley, Eleanor F. Somerby, assistants, Grammar School, Dec. 31, 1898.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, specially assigned to the next meeting at 8.30 o'clock P.M.

Death of William M. Newton.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, reported the death of William M. Newton, late sub-master in the Warren District.

Accepted.

Mr. McDonald, for the Special Committee on Paris Exposition, offered the following:

Appropriation for exhibit of Boston public schools at Paris Exposition.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to include in their estimate of the expenses of the public schools for the ensuing financial year, the sum of $5,000, for the preparation of an exhibit of the work of the Boston public schools, at the Paris Exposition during the year 1900.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Abatement of tuition of Ruth F. Londoner.

Ordered, That the amount paid by Mr. F. A. Londoner, of Boston, Mass., for tuition from Oct. 26, 1898, to Feb. 1, 1899, of Ruth F. Londoner in the Prince School, viz.: nine and $\frac{99}{100}$ dollars ($9.99) be abated, said Londoner having become a resident of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, it was

Abatement of tuition of Lillian L. Sargent.

Ordered, That the amount paid by Mr. W. B. Sargent, of Somerville, Mass., for tuition from Dec. 1, 1898, to Feb. 1, 1899, of Lillian L. Sargent in the Normal School, viz.: sixteen and $\frac{65}{100}$ dollars ($16.65) be abated, said pupil having left the school Dec. 1, 1898.

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, presented the following:

The Committee on Accounts respectfully represent to the School Board that, under date of Sept. 13, 1898, the following order was passed as part of the salary schedule for 1898–99:

Report of Committee on Accounts; reduction in salaries of instructors and other persons in employ of School Committee.

"*Ordered*, That the salaries of all persons in the employ of the School Committee during the month of August, 1899, be reduced ten per cent., from the amount due them for said month, with the exception of those whose salary for said month will be less than sixty dollars. In computing said deduction no account shall be taken of any fraction of ten dollars."

The Committee on Salaries, in their report recommending the passage of this order, stated that if a sufficient saving could be made in other directions the amount deducted from the salary of each individual should be restored. In view of the fact that sufficient money may be available to carry on the schools without levying the assessment proposed, the Committee on Accounts would recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That, if in the opinion of the Committee on Accounts, it will not be necessary to carry out the provisions of order No. 7 in the schedule of salaries as passed by the School Board, under date of Sept. 13, 1898, in order that sufficient funds may be available to carry on the schools, the said committee be authorized, in making up their estimates for 1899–1900, to disregard said order, with the understanding that the question of the reduction as proposed be left for future action by the School Board.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be requested to provide additional Primary School accommodations in the Gaston District.

Additional Primary School accommodations, Gaston District.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, it was

Petition to General Court for amendment of section 6, chapter 241, acts of 1875, as amended.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be instructed to at once petition the Legislature for legislation as follows:

To amend section 6 of chapter 241 of the Acts of 1875, as amended, by striking out the words "order to be made," and inserting in place thereof the word "make," so that the same shall read:

SECTION 6. The School Committee shall have full power and authority to make on the school buildings any additions, alterations and repairs for school purposes which it deems to be necessary; to provide temporary accommodations for school purposes; to select, bond and purchase the land required for school buildings and their yards; and to fix finally and conclusively the plans for school buildings to be erected; provided that nothing herein shall authorize said School Committee, in behalf of the city of Boston, to expend or contract to expend for said purposes any money in excess of the amount previously appropriated therefor.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Distribution of announcements of Free Municipal Lectures in public schools. [See p. 13.]

Ordered, That the Committee on Free Municipal Lectures be permitted to distribute announcements of such lectures in the public schools, under the direction of the Superintendent.

Mr. Courtney offered the following:

Special teacher of French in Grammar Schools of Fifth Division.

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of a special teacher of French in the Grammar Schools of the Fifth Division.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Architect for new Primary School-house in Warren District.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be requested to report the name of an architect for the proposed new Primary School-house in the Warren District, Charlestown, at once.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report such changes in the Rules as will result in abolishing Division Committees.

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; abolishing of Division Committees.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of Dr. Bateman as member of Committee on Legislative Matters, and Committee on Truant-officers.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 24, 1899.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN,

President of the Boston School Committee:

DEAR SIR,—I beg to hand you herewith my resignation as a member of the Committee on Legislasive Matters, and of the Committee on Truant Officers.

Yours very truly,

FRANK E. BATEMAN.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of William F. Merritt as member of Committee on Third Division.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 24, 1899.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN,

President of the Boston School Committee:

DEAR SIR,—I beg to tender herewith my resignation as a member of the Committee on the Third Division.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. MERRITT.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of J. Carlton Nichols as member of Committee on Ninth Division.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 24, 1899.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN,

President of the Boston School Committee:

DEAR SIR,—I herewith present my resignation as a member of the Committee on the Ninth Division.

Yours truly,

J. CARLTON NICHOLS.

Accepted.

Appointments on committees.

The Chair appointed Mr. Merritt a member of the Committee on the Ninth Division, and Mr. Nichols a member of the Committee on the Third Division.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Feb. 14, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Bowdlear, Fleischer, Huggan, and Strange.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by Mr. James A. McDonald, the senior member of the Board.

The Chair stated the first business of the Board would be to elect a President, *pro tem.*, by ballot.

Election of President, *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the rules were suspended, and the Secretary was directed to cast one ballot for Mr. George W. Anderson, as President, *pro tem.*

Rules suspended.

The Secretary cast one ballot for Mr. George W. Anderson, and he was declared elected President, *pro tem.*

George W. Anderson elected President, *pro tem.*

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments, confirmations, and transfers presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, with the exception of the appointment of the principal of the Lincoln Evening School and the principal of the Washington Allston Evening School, which appointments required approval by ballot.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Employment of teachers in excess of number allowed by rule.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Appointments, confirmations, and transfers, laid over, approved.

The appointments, confirmations, and transfers presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, with the exception of the appointment of the principal of the Lincoln Evening School and the principal of the Washington Allston Evening School, were approved.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Gallivan, the vote whereby the Board approved the foregoing appointments, confirmations and transfers, was reconsidered.

Transfer of Henry C. Parker.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the proposed transfer of Henry C. Parker, sub-master in the Dwight District to the same position in the Warren District (see Minutes, page 17) was referred to the Committee on the Second Division.

Appointment on probation of Samuel A. Johnson.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood the proposed appointment on probation of Samuel A. Johnson, as sub-master in the Dudley District (see Minutes, page 16) was referred to the Committee on the Seventh Division.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments, confirmations and transfers presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, with the foregoing exceptions.

Appointments, confirmations, and transfers laid over, approved.

The appointments, confirmations and transfers were approved.

Election of principal of Lincoln Evening School.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, the Board proceeded to ballot for principal of the Lincoln Evening School.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Calderwood and Burrill a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13; Robert E. Burke had 20 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Lincoln Evening School, from Feb. 15, 1899.

Election of principal of Washington Allston Evening School.

On motion of Mr. Nichols, the Board proceeded to ballot for principal of the Washington Allston Evening School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Nichols, Aldrich and Mrs. Keller a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be twenty; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13; George E. Murphy had 20 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Washington Allston Evening School, from Jan. 2, 1899.

The following order laid over under the rule, at the last meeting, was read:

Purchase of land on Munroe street for school purposes. [See pp. 20, 21.]

Ordered, That there be paid to the trustees under the will of D. W. Williams the sum of forty-one hundred seven and $\frac{60}{100}$ dollars ($4,107.60), as payment for 5,868 square feet of land on Munroe street, Roxbury, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, May 19, 1898 (taking recorded same day), upon said trustees giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Passed.

The following order laid over, under the rule, at the last meeting, was read:

Appropriation for enlargement of lot of Munroe-street School-house. [See p. 20.]

Ordered, That from the total amount of $145,000 appropriated Sept. 22, 1896, and Feb. 9, 1897, out of the amount granted the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, for West End School-house, site, the following transfer be made:

Munroe-street School-house, enlargement of lot, $4,107.60

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Special teacher of French in Grammar Schools of Fifth Division. [See p. 26.]

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of a special teacher of French in the Grammar Schools of the Fifth Division.

The Chair ruled that it would require a suspension of the rules for the passage of the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; additional primary school accommodations in Dorchester Centre District.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Jan. 30, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to provide an additional primary school building in the Dorchester Centre District, Ward 20.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 2.

Concurred.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; additional primary school accommodations in Ward 23.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 9, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide school accommodations of the primary grade at that section of Ward 23, known as Central Station.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 9, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Feb. 10, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 12, 1899.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; sanitary condition of Mather School-house, Ward 13.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take immediate steps to improve the sanitary condition of the Mather School-house in Ward 13, South Boston.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Jan. 23, 1899.

Concurred.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Jan. 25, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 19, 1899.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; sanitary condition of Ticknor School, South Boston.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to investigate the sanitary condition of the Ticknor School, South Boston, and to make such changes and repairs as may be necessary to put the same in proper condition.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 19, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Feb. 1, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Temporary Instructor of Military Drill. — Oliver Edwards, Feb. 3, 1899.

Union-street Kindergarten. — Margaret T. McCabe, assistant, Feb. 1, 1899.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Bennett District. — Elizabeth G. Burke, from Jan. 24, 1899.

Prescott District. — Margaret F. Gannon, from Feb. 1, 1899.

Washington Allston District. — Grace Hammond, from Feb. 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Everett District. — Hattie L. Gates, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 10, 1899.

Dudley District. — Albert S. Briggs, sub-master, from Jan. 2, 1899, to Feb. 14, 1899. Leanora E. Taft, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 15, 1899.

Lowell District. — Albert S. Briggs, sub-master, from Dec. 1, 1898, to Dec. 23, 1898.

Warren District. — Thomas F. Chrostwaite, sub-master, from Jan. 11, 1899.

Placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Dwight District. — George A. Tyzzer, sub-master, from Feb. 15, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Subsequently, with the unanimous consent of the Board, the foregoing appointment was withdrawn by the Superintendent.

Schools of Cookery. — Annie M. Eaton, instructor, from Feb. 1, 1899.

Union-street Kindergarten. — Margaret T. McCabe, principal, from Feb. 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Girls' Latin School. — Sybil B. Aldrich, assistant.

Comins District. — Margaret E. Sullivan, assistant, Grammar School.

Everett District. — Adelaide B. Smith, first assistant, Primary School.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Nellie G. Lynch, assistant, Primary School.

Longfellow District. — Jennie A. Owens, first assistant, Grammar School; Adalyn P. Henderson, assistant, Grammar School; Alice M. York, assistant, Primary School.

Roger Clap District. — Winifred Emerson, assistant, Primary School.

Sherwin District. — Frances M. Mooers, assistant, Grammar School.

KINDERGARTENS.

East Fourth-street School. — Cora K. Pierce, principal.

Thomas N. Hart School. — Mary I. Hamilton, principal.

Laid over, under the rule.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistants in Evening Schools.

Eliot School. — Assistants, Mary E. Donnelly, Mary F. Keyes, from Jan. 23, 1899.

Bigelow School. — First assistant, James H. Gormley, from Feb. 15, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Brighton High School. — Eleanor J. O'Brien, Special Instructor in Physical Training, from Feb. 1, 1899, until March 1, 1899.

Dearborn District. — Lizzie M. Wood, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 3, 1899, until May 3, 1899; Mary A. Scully, substitute.

Dudley District. — Alice M. Crowell, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 23, 1899, until April 1, 1899.

Eliot District. — Adolin M. Steele, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 24, 1899, until June 24, 1899; S. Louise Regal, substitute.

Everett District. — Henrietta C. Wort, substitute for Evelyn E. Morse, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Hancock District. — Elizabeth T. O'Brien, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 1, 1899, until June 1, 1899; Anna M. T. Sheehan, substitute.

John A. Andrew District. — Sarah E. Ferry, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 19, 1899, until May 19, 1899; Mary C. Gartland, substitute.

Lewis District. — Grace M. Clark, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 2, 1899, until May 2, 1899; Marion L. Owen, substitute.

Lyman District. — Josephine A. Ayers, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 3, 1899, until March 1, 1899; Anna K. Vackert, substitute.

Mather District. — Edward Southworth, master, from Feb. 9, 1899, until March 10, 1899.

Phillips District. — Mary F. Keyes, substitute for Ruth E. Rowe, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Quincy District. — Julia A. McIntyre, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 23, 1899, until March 23, 1899; Mary G. Welch, substitute.

Shurtleff District. — Marguerite S. Clapp, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 1, 1899, until May 1, 1899; Clara L. Haynes, substitute.

Wells District. — Adelaide E. Badger, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 6, 1899, until April 10, 1899; Margaret E. Quinn, substitute.

Assistant Instructor of Music. — Lillian R. Littlefield, substitute for Sarah C. Carney, granted leaves of absence.

Andrews Kindergarten. — Adelaide B. Camp, principal, from Feb. 13, 1899, until June 13, 1899; Cora L. Pickering, substitute.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and recommendations for leave of absence, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Washington Allston District. — Mary A. Duston, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 1, 1899. Temporary teacher.

The employment of the teacher named was approved, under a suspension of the rule. Rules suspended.

The report of the Superintendent, of the teacher appointed to this position, was placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Teacher on probation.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Helen L. Bradford, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Feb. 14, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence granted.

Bowditch District. — Cora B. Mudge, assistant, Grammar School, from March 13, 1899, until April 17, 1899.

Lyman District. — Cordelia Lothrop, first assistant, Grammar School, from March 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Granted, under a suspension of the rule.

Special assignment. [See pp. 9, 24.]

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the special assignment was taken up as follows:

HONORABLE DISCHARGES.

Lowell District. — Marcella Street Home. — Annie Dooley, Eleanor F. Somerby, assistants, Grammar School, Dec. 31, 1898.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, laid on the table.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

Addition to contract for furnishing heating and ventilating plant for new Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an addition to the contract of The Fuller and Warren Warming and Ventilating Company for furnishing a heating and ventilating system in the new Thomas N. Hart District Primary School-house, in the sum of $230 for installing two 12-inch electric fans for ventilating the sanitaries in said building.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That from the sums appropriated for West End School-house, site, out of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following transfer be made, being the unexpended balance not required for the purpose for which it was originally appropriated:

Appropriation for additional land, Moulton street, Primary School-house.

Primary school-house, Moulton street, additional land, $4,938.97.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to have the plans of new school-houses built under the direction of the School Committee, suitably mounted for preservation.

Plans of new school-houses to be mounted for preservation.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 24 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor transmitting a copy of a vote of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment notifying the School Committee that said Board will be ready on February 1 to receive and consider applications for loans for school buildings, and that said Board believes that application for such loans should be made to it, rather than to the Legislature, reported that they have duly considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on New Buildings; application to Board of Estimate and Apportionment for appropriation for additional primary and grammar school accommodations. [See p. 13.]

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000), to be expended by the School Committee during the current year for additional Grammar and Primary School accommodations.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Calderwood moved that the order be specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board at 8.30 o'clock P.M.

Lost.

The order passed.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; execution of contract for fitting up wooden buildings, Comins terrace.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of section 36 of the Rules, they have authorized the expenditure of $188.20 for moving the two wooden buildings formerly on the Munroe-street Primary School-house lot, in order to permit work being undertaken on the new building to be erected on that site, and to hasten the providing of temporary accommodations for pupils formerly attending these schools. Finding that the cost of fitting up these buildings in their new location for occupancy would probably exceed $500, they have advertised for and received proposals for doing the necessary work, and they now recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Francis C. Creber, in the sum of $790 for fitting up for school purposes a two-room building and a one-room building on Comins terrace, Roxbury, and with William J. Carlin, in the sum of $109 for furnishing stoves for the same buildings, the said Creber and Carlin being the lowest bidders.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Aldrich moved that the rules be suspended, and that the order be put on its passage.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor, and the order was laid over under the rule.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; appropriation for

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom were recommitted — Jan. 24 — two orders, one making an appropriation for an addition to the Mechanic Arts

High School-house, and the other authorizing the execution of a contract for furnishing a heating and ventilating system in that building, with instructions to report whether section 33 of the Rules had been violated in connection therewith, reported that this section provides that committees shall not expend or authorize the expenditure of any money beyond the amount appropriated in the budget approved by the Board. The budget referred to is reported by the Committee on Accounts in accordance with paragraph 3 of section 35, and includes items for the support of the public schools, but not for the construction of new buildings. Moreover, chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898 expressly authorizes the School Committee to make contracts during any year for the payment of the whole or any part of the amounts to be issued under this Act in a subsequent year. Therefore, your committee are of the opinion that the provisions of section 33 of the Rules have not been violated, and they again recommend the passage of the following orders:

addition to Mechanic Arts High School-house; execution of contract for heating and ventilating addition to Mechanic Arts High School-house. [See p. 21.]

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriation be made:

Mechanic Arts High School-house, addition, $55,000.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Isaac Coffin & Co., in the sum of $3,972, for furnishing a heating and ventilating system in the Mechanic Arts High School-house; said firm being the lowest bidder.

Accepted, and the orders passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, to whom was referred from the files of last year, an order relative to the naming of the new

Report of Committee on Sixth Division; naming

of new Primary School-house in Thomas N. Hart District.

Primary School-house in the Thomas N. Hart District, reported that they have considered the matter, and now recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house in the Thomas N. Hart District be named the Benjamin Dean School, in honor of the late Benjamin Dean.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules, 19 members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Salary of Nellie M. Cronin and Lydia F. Brock.

Ordered, That the salary of Nellie M. Cronin and of Lydia F. Brock, assistants in the office of the Secretary, be each fixed at the rate of seven hundred and twenty dollars ($720) per annum, until otherwise ordered, to date from Jan. 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of janitor of Albert Palmer School.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Albert Palmer School be fixed at the rate of seven hundred and twenty dollars ($720) per annum, to date from Feb. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Burrill moved that the order be referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Lost.

Mr. Burrill raised the point of order that under the provisions of paragraph 5 of section 37 of the Rules any proposition to establish a janitor's salary should be reported by the Committee on Salaries on the recommendation of the Committee on School Houses; that in this case no such recommendation had been made, and therefore the order offered by the Committee on Salaries could not be passed, except under a suspension of the Rules.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Gallivan moved a suspension of the rules to permit the passage of the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor, and the order was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Patrick M. Connolly the sum of twelve and $\frac{90}{100}$ dollars ($12.90) for extra services as janitor of the Eliot School.

Payment to Patrick M. Connolly.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to James F. Latrobe, janitor of the Brimmer School, the sum of sixteen dollars ($16) for services of a fireman in connection with the heating of the building during the time one boiler was being repaired.

Payment to James F. Latrobe.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Webb School be fixed at the rate of two hundred forty dollars ($240) per annum, from Dec. 12, 1898, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of janitor of Webb School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Margaret Fuller School be fixed at the rate of seven hundred twenty dollars ($720) per annum, to date from Feb. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of janitor of Margaret Fuller School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Humphrey C. Mahoney.

Ordered, That there be paid to Humphrey C. Mahoney the sum of twelve and $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars ($12.75) for extra services as janitor of the Cushman School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Jeremiah W. Murphy.

Ordered, That there be paid to Jeremiah W. Murphy the sum of twenty dollars ($20) for extra services as janitor of the Phillips School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Joseph P. Fleming.

Ordered, That there be paid to Joseph P. Fleming the sum of thirteen and $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars ($13.20) for extra services as janitor of the Hancock School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; violations of Regulations. Sessions of Prince School.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported that section 34 of the Rules provides that this committee shall see that the Rules and Regulations are properly and consistently enforced, and report to the Board such cases of violation as they may deem necessary. The attention of the committee has therefore been drawn by the Superintendent to infractions of the Regulations with regard to the hours of school sessions in a number of districts, all of which have been carefully considered. The situation in the Prince District, in the opinion of the committee, seems to call for present action by the Board. This school, since its organization, has had but one session daily, viz.: from 9 o'clock A.M., to 2 o'clock P.M., which deviation from the Regulations has been authorized by repeated votes of the Board, which, of course, have no validity after the expiration of the year in which they were passed. It has also been the custom in this district to dismiss the pupils of Grades I. and II. at 1.15 o'clock P.M., instead of at the regular closing hour, 2 o'clock P.M.

This arrangement seems to be in accordance with the unanimous wish of the residents of the district, and your committee believe it wise to permit its continuance, which should be by formal action of the Board. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the sessions of the Prince School continue as heretofore, from 9 o'clock A.M., to 2 o'clock P.M., and that the master be authorized in his discretion to dismiss the pupils of Grades I. and II. at 1.15 o'clock P.M.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulations; number of instructors allowed in Evening Drawing Schools.

SECTION 157. Strike out the word "thirty," in the eleventh line, and insert in place thereof the word "twenty." Add the following to the section: "Assistants shall be dismissed at the close of any month in which the average attendance shall have fallen below the number authorizing their employment. No principal or female teacher of a public day school in Boston shall serve in the Evening Drawing Schools," so that the section will read as follows:

SECTION 157. The instructors of the Evening Drawing Schools shall be masters, principals and assistants. The rank of master shall be abolished, as the position now recognized shall become vacant by the retirement from the service of the incumbents in that position, February, 1891. The masters and principals of the Evening Drawing Schools shall be appointed in September. As many qualified assistants as may be necessary in the Evening Drawing Schools shall be appointed in November. Besides the master or principal, each school shall be entitled to an assistant for every twenty pupils, and an additional assistant for a majority fraction thereof. Assistants shall be dis-

missed at the close of any month in which the average attendance shall have fallen below the number authorizing their employment. No principal or female teacher of a public day school in Boston shall serve in the Evening Drawing Schools.

Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Amendment of Regulations; rank of instructors, Latin and High Schools.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 148. Strike out the last sentence of said section, and substitute in place thereof the following:

"Such male instructors above the rank of assistants who have attained the maximum salary of their rank shall be masters, and those who have not attained the maximum salary of their rank shall be junior-masters; *provided*, that no instructor who has once attained the rank of master shall, by any change in the salary schedule, be deprived of that title."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Salary of Henry E. Loring.

Ordered, That Henry E. Loring, sub-master in the Tileston District, be placed upon the second year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 6, 1898.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following:

Appropriation for furnishing addition to Mechanic Arts High School.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriation be made:

Mechanic Arts High School-house, addition, furnishing, $7,000.

Laid over, under the rule.

Appropriations for maintenance of public schools, 1899–1900.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following:

SCHOOLS.

Estimates, 1899–1900.

School Committee.

Office of Accounts, Feb. 14, 1899.

To the School Committee:

The Committee on Accounts respectfully inform the Board that, under Sect. 1, Chap. 400 of the Acts of 1898, the School Committee of the City of Boston shall, on or before the first day of March in each year, by vote of two-thirds of all the members, taken by yeas and nays, make appropriation for the support of the public schools of said city for the financial year, including repairs on and alterations of school buildings.

Under Sect. 2, Chap. 3, of the Rules of the School Committee, the Committee on Accounts is required to prepare and present to the Board an estimate of the expenses for each financial year.

The Board of Assessors, in accordance with the statutes, have reported that the average valuation which forms the basis for computing the sum allowed the School Committee for the present year amounts to $974,536,062. Two and eighty-five one hundredths dollars on each thousand of this valuation amounts to $2,777,427; and to this sum should be added an unexpended balance for the financial year 1898–99 of $30,288.20, an excess of income over the expected amount for 1898–99 of $698.48, and the estimated income for the present year placed at $40,000, making a total sum of $2,848,413.68, this being the total legal limit which the School Committee can appropriate for running expenses the present year.

Of this amount the sum of $243,634.01 must be appropriated, under the statutes, for such repairs and alterations upon school buildings as the School Committee shall order.

The committee in charge of the preparation of these estimates have endeavored to furnish them in detail as completely as possible.

In accordance with these statements your committee would recommend the passage of the following orders:

No. 1. *Ordered*, That to meet the current expenses of the School Committee, payable during the financial year beginning

Feb. 1, 1899, and ending Jan. 31, 1900, the following sums be appropriated for the purposes stated:

SALARIES OF INSTRUCTORS.

Normal School.

1 Head-master	at $3,780	$3,780	
1 Master	2,916	2,916	
5 Assistants	1,620	8,100	
2 "	1,440	2,880	
2 "	1,320	2,640	
1 Special Assistant	1,380	1,380	
1 Clerical "	552	552	
			$22,248

Latin and High Schools.

First Grade.

1 Head-master	at $4,200	$4,200	
8 Head-masters	3,780	30,240	
26 Masters	3,060	79,560	
4 Junior-masters	2,916	11,664	
3 "	2,772	8,316	
4 "	2,628	10,512	
3 "	2,484	7,452	
6 "	2,340	14,040	
2 "	2,196	4,392	
1 Junior-master	2,052	2,052	
2 Junior-masters	1,908	3,816	
3 "	1,764	5,292	
6 "	1,620	9,720	
2 "	1,476	2,952	
1 Clerical Assistant	500	500	
			194,708

Third Grade.

1 Assistant Principal	at $2,040	$2,040	
1 " "	1,764	1,764	
21 Assistants	1,572	33,012	
2 "	1,548	3,096	
3 "	1,476	4,428	
3 "	1,404	4,212	
14 "	1,332	18,648	
6 "	1,260	7,560	
21 "	1,188	24,948	
13 "	1,116	14,508	
5 "	1,044	5,220	
1 Assistant	972	972	
			120,408
Carried forward			$337,364

Mechanic Arts High School.

	Brought forward			$337,364
1	Head-Master	at $3,780	$3,780	
1	Junior-Master . . .	2,916	2,916	
2	Junior-Masters . . .	2,772	5,544	
2	" . . .	1,620	3,240	
2	" . . .	1,476	2,952	
1	Instructor in Metal Working	2,280	2,280	
1	Instructor	2,340	2,340	
2	Instructors	2,220	4,440	
1	Instructor	2,100	2,100	
1	Assistant Instructor . .	1,332	1,332	
2	" Instructors . .	1,044	2,088	
1	Laboratory Assistant . .	300	300	
			———	33,312

Grammar and Primary Schools.

Second Grade.

51	Masters	at $3,180	$162,180	
4	"	2,940	11,760	
2	"	2,820	5,640	
4	Sub-masters	2,460	9,840	
22	"	2,340	51,480	
15	"	2,220	33,300	
6	"	2,100	12,600	
3	"	1,980	5,940	
4	"	1,860	7,440	
4	"	1,740	6,960	
2	"	1,620	3,240	
1	Sub-master	1,500	1,500	
			———	311,880

Fourth Grade.

73	First Assistants, Grammar,	at $1,212	$88,476	
6	" " "	1,164	6,984	
4	" " "	1,116	4,464	
6	" " "	1,068	6,408	
3	" " "	1,020	3,060	
2	" " "	972	1,944	
84	Assistants, Grammar . .	936	78,624	
234	" " . .	904	211,536	
36	" " . .	888	31,968	
42	" " . .	840	35,280	
46	" " . .	792	36,432	
45	" " . .	744	33,480	
	Carried forward . . .		$538,656	$682,556

	Brought forward . . .		$538,656	$682,556
56	Assistants, Grammar . .	696	38,976	
32	" " . .	648	20,736	
19	" " . .	600	11,400	
12	" " . .	552	6,624	
57	First Assistants, Primary .	1,080	61,560	
6	" " " .	1,032	6,192	
2	" " " .	984	1,968	
17	Assistants, Primary . .	936	15,912	
232	" " . .	904	209,728	
18	" " . .	888	15,984	
29	" " . .	840	24,360	
39	" " . .	792	30,888	
40	" " . .	744	29,760	
68	" " . .	696	47,328	
30	" " . .	648	19,440	
20	" " . .	600	12,000	
11	" " . .	552	6,072	
27	Temporary Teachers, 100 days . .		5,400	
20	Special Assistants, 120 days . . .		3,600	
				1,106,584

Manual Training Schools.

Carpentry,	1 Principal . .	at $2,508	$2,508	
	18 Assistants . .	996	17,928	
	1 Assistant . .	948	948	
	3 Assistants . .	900	2,700	
	3 " . .	852	2,556	
	2 " . .	804	1,608	
Cookery,	1 Principal . .	1,500	1,500	
	5 Assistants . .	904	4,520	
	2 " . .	840	1,680	
	2 " . .	792	1,584	
	1 Assistant . .	744	744	
	4 Assistants . .	696	2,784	
	2 " . .	648	1,296	
	4 " . .	600	2,400	
	2 " . .	552	1,104	
Sewing, 40 Instructors, 356 Divisions . .			28,986	
				74,846

Special Grade.

School on Spectacle Island:	
Instructor	400
High Schools:	
3 Assistants in Modern Languages	4,500
Carried forward	$1,868,886

Brought forward		$1,868,886
Horace Mann School:		
1 Principal	$2,880	
1 Assistant Principal	1,440	
12 Assistants	12,672	
		16,992
Music:		
1 Instructor, High Schools	$2,640	
2 Assistants, Grammar Schools . .	5,280	
4 " Primary Schools . . .	3,552	
		11,472
Drawing:		
Director	$3,000	
Assistant Director	2,508	
Master, Evening Drawing Schools, and Assistant	2,000	
2 Assistants	3,000	
		10,508
Chemistry:		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor	$1,620	
Girls' High, 1 Laboratory Assistant .	804	
		2,424
Physical Training:		
Director	$3,000	
Assistant	2,280	
		5,280
Vocal and Physical Training and Reading:		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor	$900	
Roxbury High, 1 Instructor . . .	1,200	
Girls' Latin, 1 Instructor . . .	900	
Brighton High, 1 Instructor . . .	700	
		3,700
Military Drill:		
Instructor	$2,000	
Armorer	1,050	
		3,050
Phonography, Typewriting, and Book-keeping:		
Charlestown High and Dorchester High, 1 Instructor	$1,500	
East Boston High, 1 Instructor . .	1,200	
Girls' High, 1 Instructor	1,200	
		3,900
Special class in Franklin District:		
1 Instructor		792
Evening High School:		
Head-master, 22 weeks	$880	
Carried forward	$880	$1,927,004

Brought forward	$880	$1,927,004
2 Assistants in charge, 66 evenings . .	660	
38 Assistants, 22 weeks	16,720	
Clerk	440	
		18,700
Evening Elementary Schools:		
8 Principals, 22 weeks	$4,400	
4 " "	1,760	
12 First Assistants, 22 weeks	3,300	
122 Assistants, 22 weeks	26,840	
		36,300
Evening Drawing Schools:		
2 Masters, 69 evenings	$1,380	
3 Principals, 69 evenings	1,656	
18 Assistants, 66 evenings	7,128	
3 " "	990	
5 Curators	690	
		11,844
Kindergartens:		
Director	$2,880	
51 Principals . . . . . at $792	40,392	
6 " 744	4,464	
5 " 696	3,480	
5 " 648	3,240	
1 Principal 600	600	
27 Asssistants 624	16,848	
16 " 576	9,216	
12 " 528	6,336	
15 " 480	7,200	
3 " 432	1,296	
Special Assistant service	200	
		96,152
Total for Instructors		$2,090,000

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

Superintendent	$4,200
Six Supervisors at $3,780	22,680
Secretary	3,300
Auditing Clerk	3,300
Assistants in offices, School Department . . .	8,492
Copyist	1,008
Messengers	2,820
19 Truant Officers	25,200
Total for Officers	$71,000

SALARIES OF JANITORS.

Janitors of 11 High Schools	$20,000
" " 57 Grammar Schools	64,500
" " 119 Primary Schools	58,300
" " 35 Special and Evening Schools	7,700
" " School Committee Rooms	2,700
Additional for washing floors, etc.	2,800
Total for Janitors	$156,000

FUEL, GAS, AND WATER.

16,600 tons of coal, at $4.85 (including weighing)	$80,510
260 cords of wood (including splitting and housing),	3,000
Gas and electric lighting	12,000
Water	15,490
Total for Fuel, Gas, and Water	$111,000

SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS.

Text-books, Reference books, Exchange of books	$53,000 00
Books for supplementary reading	8,000 00
Annual festival	2,700 00
Globes, maps, and charts	1,400 00
Music expenses: instruments, repairs, and covers	3,000 00
Printing and stock used for same, including reports of School Committee meetings	8,800 00
Philosophical, chemical, and mathematical apparatus and supplies	5,300 00
School census	1,800 00
Stationery, drawing materials, and record books	26,500 00
Commercial course in High Schools, outfit	1,500 00
Diplomas, blackboard erasers, etc.	2,800 00
Advertising	500 00
Military drill: arms, repairs, and expenses of annual parade	1,200 00
Removing ashes from school-houses and snow from yards	2,000 00
Flags for school-houses	700 00
Janitors' and other supplies	5,800 00
Supplies for manual training	7,500 00
Materials for Kindergartens (including maid service),	3,800 00
Cost of work for delivering supplies, including salaries, expenses of teaming, repairing apparatus, etc.	7,500 00
Carried forward	$143,800 00

Brought forward	$143,800 00
Tuition of Boston pupils in Brookline schools	1,300 00
Car and ferry tickets, Horace Mann School (refunded by State)	3,000 00
Exhibit at Paris Exposition	5,000 00
Tuition of Marcella-street Home pupils boarding in sundry cities and towns of the State (see Chapter 496, Acts of 1898)	6,000 00
Travelling expenses of Truant Officers	500 00
Materials for study of Natural History, including stereopticon slides	1,000 00
Horse and carriage expenses, carriage hire, and refreshments	1,400 00
Expense of opening school-house yards during vacation season	3,000 00
Miscellaneous, including sewing materials, teaming, extra labor, postage, car and ferry tickets, printing and type-setting in Horace Mann School, extra clerk hire, and sundry items	2,913 68
Total for Supplies and Incidentals	$167,913 68

SCHOOL-HOUSES, REPAIRS, ETC.

Rents and taxes	$32,000
Heating apparatus	30,000
Gas-fitting and plumbing	15,000
Masonry	29,000
Whitening and plastering	5,600
Painting and glazing	24,000
New furniture and repairs of old	30,000
Carpentry and lumber	35,000
Roofing and gutters	10,000
Blackboards	5,000
Salaries	8,400
Iron and wire-work	2,000
Cartage	2,000
Auxilary Fire Alarm, rental and repairs	4,000
Electric light fixtures	2,000
Bells and locks	2,500
Repairs on fire escapes	1,500
Board and shoeing of horses	1,000
Repairs on carriage and harness	500
Printing, stationery, and postage	500
Fire extinguishers and hose	1,000
Ventilators and repairs	7,000
Disinfectants	1,500
Miscellaneous	3,000
Total for Repairs and Alterations upon School Buildings	$252,500

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of instructors	$2,090,000 00
Salaries of officers	71,000 00
Salaries of janitors	156,000 00
Fuel, gas, and water	111,000 00
Supplies and incidentals	167,913 68
Repairs and alterations upon school buildings	252,500 00
Total department expenses	$2,848,413 68

No. 2. *Ordered*, That the Board of Assessors be notified that the School Committee has appropriated, under chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898, the sum of $2,848,413.68, for the support of the public schools for the present financial year. Of this amount, $2,777,427 should be included by their Board in the total amount to be raised by taxation, the balance, $70,986.68, to be obtained from the following-named sources: estimated income to be received during the year ($40,000), excess of income in 1898–99 over the amount estimated ($698.48), and the unexpended balance at the close of the financial year 1898–99 ($30,288.20).

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulations; text-books in Evening Schools.

SECTION 316. Strike out the section, and insert in place thereof the following:

SECTION 316. The text-books used in the Evening Schools shall be such only as are duly authorized by the Board. The several principals shall be responsible for all books owned by the city in use in their respective schools; and pupils in the elementary schools shall not be permitted to take such books from the several buildings.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulations; admission and discharge of pupils, Evening Schools.

SECTION 314. Strike out the section, and insert in place thereof the following:

SECTION 314. No child under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to an Evening School, and no pupil in the day schools shall be admitted to an Evening School, except by express permission of the Committee on Evening Schools. No pupil shall be admitted to any Evening School who has not pledged himself to as regular attendance as his circumstances will permit; and no pupil shall be admitted to the Evening High School who is unable to attend at least two evenings a week, except by permission of the Committee on Evening Schools. Any pupil who shall absent himself from an Evening School for three consecutive evenings on which his attendance is due shall be discharged, and shall not be readmitted until he shall have satisfactorily explained his absence. A principal may discharge a pupil for disobedience or improper conduct; and such pupil shall not be readmitted without the consent of the Committee on Evening Schools. Principals of Evening Schools shall enter the name and address of each pupil, and the evenings on which he is to attend, in a book kept for the purpose; *provided* that no person shall be considered a member of any school until he shall have attended at least two evenings.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Extension of terms of Evening Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to extend for two weeks the terms of such of the Evening Schools as in their judgment will be profitable, and that schools so extended close this year on Friday evening, March 24, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McDonald, for the Special Committee on the Paris Exposition, offered the following:

Arrangements for Boston public schools' exhibit at Paris Exposition.

Ordered, That the Superintendent be authorized to visit Columbus, Ohio, on February 22, for the purpose of making arrangements for the exhibit of the work of the public schools to be made at the Paris Exposition during the year 1900, and that an expenditure not exceeding seventy-five dollars ($75) be allowed for his travelling expenses.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McDonald offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of an additional Assistant to the Director of Drawing, to date from March 1, 1899.

Additional Assistant to Director of Drawing.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Kate F. Hobart the sum of forty-two dollars ($42) for extra services rendered as teacher of wood-working in the Horace Mann School, during September and October, 1898.

Payment to Kate F. Hobart.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That a water color painting, presented to the Horace Mann School by John B. Hudson, be accepted, and that the thanks of the Board be extended to Mr. Hudson for his gift.

Gift of John B. Hudson to Horace Mann School.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to consider and report a proper sum to be allowed Edward J. Cox, sub-master in the Lowell School, for extra services rendered during the vacancy in the mastership of said school.

Extra compensation to Edward J. Cox.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to report a schedule of salaries for janitors, at the next meeting of the Board.

Schedule of salaries] for janitors.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to report the number of male teachers in the day schools who are also employed in the Evening Schools, other than Drawing Schools, stating the length of time such instructors have severally served in the Evening

Employment of male teachers in day schools, in Evening Schools.

Schools; and that they also consider and report upon the following propositions:

(1) To what, if any extent it is advisable to employ male teachers in the day schools, as instructors in the Evening Schools.

(2) Whether or not it is advisable to limit the number of years during which a day school teacher may serve in the Evening Schools.

(3) Whether or not it is advisable in reducing the number of instructors in the Evening Schools, as the attendance of pupils decreases during the term, to give preference in continuance of employment to instructors not serving in the day schools.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Sanitation of Polk-street Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the open vault in the basement of the Polk-street Primary School-house, Prescott street, be replaced by some modern sanitary accommodations, at once.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Courtney for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following:

Payment to H. Caroline Wort

Ordered, That there be paid to H. Caroline Wort the sum of two hundred and twelve dollars ($212), for services rendered in Primary School, Everett District, from Sept. 6, 1898, to Feb. 9, 1899, inclusive.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Courtney for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following:

Course of lectures given by Dr. Hartwell to Normal School pupils.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School be authorized to employ Dr. E. M. Hartwell to continue the course of lectures formerly given by him as Director of Physical Training for the benefit of the pupils in the Normal School.

Referred to the Joint Committee on Accounts and Hygiene and Physical Training.

Mr. Courtney for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to take immediate action for improving the sanitary condition of the Weston-street School-house. Sanitation of Weston-street School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, it was

Ordered, That hereafter, the reports of the Superintendent of appointments of instructors shall include the address of each appointee. Reports of Superintendent of appointments of instructors.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of a second sub-master in the Hugh O'Brien District. Second sub-master, Hugh O'Brien District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be directed to take immediate steps to put the Harvard Grammar School in proper sanitary condition, as recommended by the Board of Health in its three or more reports to this Board, made during the past two years. Sanitation of Harvard Grammar School.

The Chair ruled that it would require a suspension of the rules to permit the passage of the order.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The rules were suspended, and the order passed by the following vote: Rules suspended.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Berridge, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood, Campbell, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, and Nichols — 20. Yeas and nays.

Nays: None.

Absent: Messrs. Bowdlear, Fleischer, Huggan, and Strange.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from President of School Committee; appointment of Mr. Courtney as member of Committee on Truant-Officers, and Mr. Coolidge as member of Committee on Legislative Matters.

BOSTON, Feb. 13, 1899.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, ESQ.,

Secretary Boston School Committee:

MY DEAR MR. APOLLONIO,— As I expect to be absent from the Board meeting to-night, I hereby appoint to fill the vacancy on the Truant Officer Committee, Mr. Courtney; on the Legislative Committee, Mr. Coolidge.

Yours very truly,

H. D. HUGGAN.

The communication was placed on file, and the appointments approved.

Executive session.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the Board went into executive session.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the following matter was taken from the table:

HONORABLE DISCHARGES.

Honorable discharges. [See pp. 9, 29, 38.]

Lowell District. — Marcella-street Home. — Annie Dooley, Eleanor F. Somerby, assistants, Grammar School, December 31, 1898.

Mr. Gallivan in the chair.

Mr. Kenny in the chair.

The Board refused to approve the honorable discharge of the teachers named by a vote of 6 to 14.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

In School Committee, Feb. 28, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Calderwood and Courtney.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Appointments and confirmations laid over, approved.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

The appointments and confirmations were approved.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Appropriations for maintenance of public schools, 1899–1900. [See pp. 48 to 55.]

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses of the School Committee, payable during the financial year beginning Feb. 1, 1899, and ending Jan. 31, 1900, the following sums be appropriated for the purposes stated. (See Minutes pages 48 to 55 inclusive for schedules.)

The Chair stated that under the statute, the passage of the order required a two-thirds yea and nay vote.

The order passed unanimously by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Berridge, Bowdlear, Brett, Burrill, Campbell, Coolidge, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, and Strange — 20.

Nays: None.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Bennett, Calderwood, Courtney, and Nichols.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Appropriation for support of public schools, 1899–1900. [See p. 55.]

Ordered, That the Board of Assessors be notified that the School Committee has appropriated, under chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898, the sum of $2,848,-413.68, for the support of the public schools for the present financial year. Of this amount, $2,777,427 should be included by their Board in the total amount to be raised by taxation, the balance, $70,986.68 to be obtained from the following-named sources: estimated income to be received during the year ($40,000), excess of income in 1898–99 over the amount estimated ($698.48) and the unexpended balance at the close of the financial year 1898–99 ($30,288.20).

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Addition to contract for furnishing heating and ventilating plant for new Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District. [See p. 38.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an addition to the contract of The Fuller and Warren Warming and Ventilating Company for furnishing a heating and ventilating system in the new Thomas N. Hart District Primary School-house, in the sum of $230 for installing two 12-inch electric fans for ventilating the sanitaries in said building.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Plans of new school-houses to be mounted for preservation. [See p. 39.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to have the plans of new school-houses built under the direction of the School Committee, suitably mounted for preservation.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Appropriation for additional land,

Ordered, That from the sums appropriated for West End School-house, site, out of the amount granted to

the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following transfer be made, being the unexpended balance not required for the purpose for which it was originally appropriated:

Moulton street, Primary School-house. [See p. 39.]

Primary school-house, Moulton street, additional land, $4,938.97.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Francis C. Creber, in the sum of $790 for fitting up for school purposes a two-room building and a one-room building on Comins terrace, Roxbury, and with William J. Carlin, in the sum of $109 for furnishing stoves for the same buildings, the said Creber and Carlin being the lowest bidders.

Execution of contract for fitting up wooden buildings, Comins terrace. [See p. 40.]

Passed.

The following order laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriation be made:

Appropriation for furnishing addition to Mechanic Arts High School. [See p. 46.]

Mechanic Arts High School-house, addition, furnishing, $7,000.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of an additional assistant to the Director of Drawing, to date from March 1, 1899.

Additional Assistant to Director of Drawing. [See p. 57.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the salary of Nellie M. Cronin and of Lydia F. Brock, assistants in the office of the Secretary

Salary of Nellie M. Cronin and

Lydia F. Brock. [See p. 42.]

be each fixed at the rate of seven hundred and twenty dollars ($720) per annum, until otherwise ordered, to date from Jan. 1, 1899.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Payment to Patrick M. Connolly. [See p. 43.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Patrick M. Connolly the sum of twelve and $\frac{90}{100}$ dollars ($12.90) for extra services as janitor of the Eliot School.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Payment to James F. Latrobe. [See p. 43.]

Ordered, That there be paid to James F. Latrobe, janitor of the Brimmer School, the sum of sixteen dollars ($16) for services of a fireman in connection with the heating of the building during the time one boiler was being repaired.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Payment to Humphrey C. Mahoney. [See p. 44.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Humphrey C. Mahoney the sum of twelve and $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars ($12.75) for extra services as janitor of the Cushman School.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Payment to Jeremiah W. Murphy. [See p. 44.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Jeremiah W. Murphy the sum of twenty dollars ($20) for extra services as janitor of the Phillips School.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Payment to Joseph P. Fleming. [See p. 44.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Joseph P. Fleming, the sum of thirteen and $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars ($13.20) for extra services as janitor of the Hancock School.

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulations; number of instructors allowed in Evening Drawing Schools. [See p. 45.]

SECTION 157. Strike out the word "thirty," in the eleventh line, and insert in place thereof the word "twenty." Add the following to the section: "Assistants shall be dismissed at the close of any month in which the average attendance shall have fallen below the number authorizing their employment. No principal or female teacher of a public day school in Boston shall serve in the Evening Drawing Schools," so that the section will read as follows:

SECTION 157. The instructors of the Evening Drawing Schools shall be masters, principals and assistants. The rank of master shall be abolished, as the position now recognized shall become vacant by the retirement from the service of the incumbents in that position, February, 1891. The masters and principals of the Evening Drawing Schools shall be appointed in September. As many qualified assistants as may be necessary in the Evening Drawing Schools shall be appointed in November. Besides the master or principal, each school shall be entitled to an assistant for every twenty pupils, and an additional assistant for a majority fraction thereof. Assistants shall be dismissed at the close of any month in which the average attendance shall have fallen below the number authorizing their employment. No principal or female teacher of a public day school in Boston shall serve in the Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Gallivan moved that the section be further amended by striking out the word "November," in the ninth line, and inserting in place thereof the word "October."

Mr. Gallivan's motion to amend passed.

The order as amended passed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT,
Feb. 27, 1899.

Communication from Board of Estimate and Apportionment; appropriation for primary and grammar schools.

Voted, That the School Committee be notified that this Board is prepared to pass a loan appropriation order of approximately $500,000 for additional primary and grammar school accommoda-

tions, as soon as it receives sufficient information to enable it to make the appropriations by districts.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations.

Instructor of Military Drill. — Erasmus M. Weaver, March 1, 1899.

7 Byron Court Kindergarten. — Marion E. Poole, assistant, Feb. 28, 1899.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfer for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Special assistant.

Vernon street Kindergarten. — Carolyn M. Fletcher, Boston, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

RE-APPOINTMENTS OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Albert W. Thayer, Somerville, junior-master, from March 9, 1899.

Christopher Gibson District. — Caroline W. Heckle, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from March 6, 1899.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Mary M. Hoye, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from March 2, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Chapman District. — Lilian G. Farmer, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from March 1, 1899.

Phillips District. — Katharine J. Burke, Boston, Elizabeth M. Shine, Cambridge, assistants, Grammar School, from March 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Bennett District. — Mabel L. Chapman, assistant, Primary School.

Bigelow District. — Margaret E. Roche, assistant, Grammar School.

Norcross District. — Josephine J. Mahoney, assistant, Primary School.

Kindergartens.

Charles C. Perkins School. — A. Gertrude Malloch, assistant.

Greenwood Hall. — Alice Fobes, principal.

Tappan School. — Katharine L. Roche, assistant.

Laid over, under the rule.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Tyler Street Kindergarten. — Mabel A. Jenkins, assistant, on probation, to the same position in the 7 Byron Court Kindergarten, on probation, to date from March 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistants in Evening Schools.

Eliot School. — Assistant, Maro B. Jones, Boston, from Jan. 27, 1899.

Franklin School. — First Assistant, Walter H. Russell, Somerville, from Jan. 30, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence to

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the

teachers; substitutes approved.

terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Emerson District. — Elizabeth A. Turner, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 23, 1899, until Feb. 24, 1899; Katherine E. Goode, Boston, substitute.

Harvard District. — Elizabeth W. Allen, assistant, Grammar School, from March 1, 1899, until April 10, 1899, Helen DeS. Regan, Boston, substitute; Olive J. Sawyer, assistant, Grammar School, from March 1, 1899, until May 1, 1899; Josephine E. Clark, Medford, substitute.

Hyde District. — Lucy L. Burgess, first assistant, Grammar School, from March 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Emma S. Gulliver, Brookline, substitute.

Minot District. — Sophia W. French, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 23, 1899, until June 23, 1899; Florence E. Bryan, Boston, substitute.

Roger Clap District. — Mary E. Irwin, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 15, 1899, until April 10, 1899; Catherine G. Foley, Boston, substitute.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and recommendation for leave of absence accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

Temporary teachers.

RE-APPOINTMENTS OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Bunker Hill District. — Marcella C. Coyle, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from March 9, 1899.

Christopher Gibson District. — Isabel M. Horsford, Boston, assistant, Grammar school, from March 2, 1899.

Dearborn District. — Annie L. Coffey, Weymouth, assistant, Grammar School, from March 10, 1899.

Hancock District. — Mary E. O'Hare, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from March 9, 1899.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Edwin I. Beal, Quincy, assistant, Grammar School, from March 9, 1899.

Quincy District. — Evelyn E. Kelley, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from March 9, 1899.

Washington Allston District. — Grace G. Johnson, Newton, assistant, Grammar School, from March 9, 1899.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

ON PROBATION.

Hugh O'Brien District. — George E. Murphy, Boston, sub-master, from Feb. 15, 1899. Teacher on probation.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Manual Training Schools. — Helen I. Whittemore, assistant instructor, from March 6, 1899, until April 17, 1899. Leave of absence to Helen I. Whittemore.

Granted, unanimously, under a suspension of the rule. Rules suspended.

The Superintendent presented the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
Feb. 28, 1899.

Communication from Superintendent; relative to extending Boston Normal School to include surrounding cities and towns.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

By vote of the School Committee, passed Nov. 22, 1898, the Superintendent was "instructed to ascertain the possibility of extending the city Normal School, so as to include some of the surrounding cities and towns."

In obedience to this instruction, the following communication was sent to the Superintendent of Schools in the cities of Cambridge, Chelsea, Malden, Medford, Newton, Quincy, and Somerville, and in the towns of Brookline, Dedham, Hyde Park, Milton, Revere, Watertown, and Winthrop:

"DEAR SIR: At a meeting of the School Committee of Boston on Nov. 22, 1898, it was

Ordered, "That the orders passed by this Board — May 24 — that on and after the first day of September, 1899, the Boston Normal

School be discontinued, and that the Secretary of the State Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts be informed that it is the sense of this Board that a Normal School, in lieu of the Normal School now maintained by the City of Boston, should be established and maintained in this city by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, be, and the same hereby are, rescinded, and the Superintendent is hereby instructed to ascertain the possibility of extending the City Normal School so as to include some of the surrounding cities and towns."

Assuming:

"1. That the City of Boston maintains a Normal School for the purpose of training teachers to serve in the Primary and Grammar Schools of that city;

"2. That the school is provided with a large corps of highly accomplished teachers, a commodious new building, and all other material equipments necessary for a school of the very best kind;

"3. That the number of pupils from Boston to be in training for employment in the Boston schools is strictly limited to the number actually needed in those schools; that is to say, to about sixty each year;

"4. That the number of pupils admitted from any other city or town is limited in the same way to the actual annual needs of its schools;

"I desire to ask what answer the School Committee of would make to the proposition that a limited number of places in such school be taken by , on condition that contributes its due proportion to the annual expense of the school, and that be represented on the Board of Management by some chosen member of its School Committee, or by its Superintendent of Schools, as may afterwards be determined.

"For the purpose of obtaining an authoritative answer to this question, will you kindly take the trouble to consult with members of your School Committee, and if you deem it best, to bring the matter formally before your School Committee for consideration and decision by vote?

"Further, I should esteem it a personal favor if you would express quite fully and freely your own views as to the practicability or desirability of the school above outlined, and would make any further suggestions which you may deem important."

From all the above-mentioned cities and towns replies have now been received, which are herewith submitted for the information of the Board. No desire is expressed on the part of any neighboring city or town to join with Boston in the support of a Normal School; and so far as there is any distinct expression of opinion, it is adverse to any such plan. The conclusion appears

clearly to be that there is no "possibility of extending the City Normal School so as to include some of the surrounding cities and towns."

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The replies referred to in the foregoing communication follow:

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
BROOKLINE, MASS., Dec. 13, 1898.

Mr. Edwin P. Seaver, Boston, Mass.:

MY DEAR SIR: At a meeting of the School Committee of Brookline held last evening, your communication concerning the Boston Normal School and the plans of the School Committee of Boston touching the same was presented.

The question whether the Town of Brookline, upon certain conditions, would enter into an arrangement with other cities and towns for the maintenance of a Normal School was considered. After some examination of the matter the question was indefinitely postponed by vote of the committee.

It is proper to say that the reasons which led to this decision were, first, that the Town of Brookline has for many years pursued the practice of going outside of the town and securing teachers whose training and experience make them most successful, a practice which, in the opinion of our committee, has been beneficial to the schools.

Second, the Superintendent of Schools has been permitted for several years to conduct a Training Class, all the members of which are college graduates. Out of those who have been in this training class several, at least three or four, have been appointed as teachers in our schools.

In accordance with your request that I express frankly my personal views on the subject, I would say that theoretically it would seem to be an excellent thing to have some integration of interests such as you propose in your letter, but that in practice each large community has its own traditions and ideals which can better be served in so vital a matter as this by pursuing its own course. There should be great distinctness and individuality of purpose in the management of a Normal Training School for teachers, and its management should be such that whoever has charge of its policy may have large freedom in working out what is best for the community interested. A State Normal School is usually free to accomplish all that its managers are wise enough to conceive, and the City of Boston, working by

itself, can so organize its Normal School as to accomplish what is especially needed for its own schools. To undertake, at the same time, to meet the views of surrounding communities, might interfere somewhat with this purpose.

Very truly yours,

SAMUEL T. DUTTON.

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
CAMBRIDGEPORT, MASS., Dec. 28, 1898.

Mr. Edwin P. Seaver, Superintendent of Schools, Boston, Mass.:

DEAR SIR: I have brought to the attention of the School Committee of Cambridge your communication in regard to a Normal School. No formal action has been taken, but at the close of the meeeting of the School Board in December it was voted as an expression of the views of the committee that it is inexpedient for Cambridge to join with Boston in the establishment and maintenance of a Normal School.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS COGSWELL.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
3 THIRD STREET, CHELSEA, MASS.,
Feb. 8, 1899.

Mr. E. P. Seaver, Boston, Mass.:

DEAR SIR: Your communication of Dec. 2d was laid before the committee at their last meeting, December 29th; it was referred to the new Board and then to a sub-committee. It sleeps in their hands.

My own opinion is that they will refuse to consider it. Opinions of individual members seem against the plan.

Very truly,

W. H. SMALL.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, DEDHAM, MASS.,
MEMORIAL HALL, Feb. 9, 1899.

Mr. Edwin P. Seaver, Superintendent of Schools, Boston, Mass.:

DEAR SIR: Your letter of February 6 is at hand.

At a meeting of the School Committee of Dedham, held December 6, the following vote was passed:

Voted, That the Superintendent be instructed to reply to Mr. Seaver, Superintendent of Schools, Boston, that the committee does not deem it wise to accept the proposition that the Town of

Dedham bear a share of the expense of a Normal School in Boston.

I regret that I neglected to communicate this vote to you earlier.

Yours truly,

R. W. HINE.

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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, HYDE PARK, MASS.,
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, Feb. 15, 1899.

Mr. Edwin P. Seaver, Superintendent of Schools, Boston, Mass.:

DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 6th inst. is received.

The Hyde Park Committee have taken no formal action in the matter of participation by this town in the support of a Normal School in Boston, and I am therefore unable to speak officially for them. I have, however, heard the matter discussed by the members of the committee, and am of the opinion that in the case of action by them such action would not be favorable to the participation outlined. I am of the opinion that the Hyde Park School Committee would prefer to draw its teachers from the experienced graduates of the several State Normal Schools.

Yours very truly,

FRANK O. DRAPER,
Superintendent of Schools.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
OLD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING,
MALDEN, MASS., Dec. 6, 1898.

Mr. Edwin P. Seaver, Superintendent of Schools, Boston, Mass.:

DEAR MR. SEAVER: I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of December 3rd, in which you ask what answer the School Committee of Malden would make to a proposition submitted therein.

In reply I have the honor to say that I will submit your letter to the School Committee of this city at its next regular meeting, on the evening of Wednesday, December 14, and the official reply of the committee will be communicated to you by the Secretary.

In your closing paragraph you ask as a personal favor that I will freely express my own views as to the practicability or desirability of the school as outlined. In reply to this I would say that I have not heard the arguments for or against the proposed school, and do not feel that my judgment has any particular value. From the first, however, my impression has been that it would be better for Boston, and better for the State, if the city relinquish its Normal School to the State.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE E. GAY,

B.

Superintendent of Schools.

School Committee,
Malden, Mass.,
Dec. 14, 1898.

Mr. Edwin P. Seaver, Superintendent of Public Schools, Boston, Mass.:

Dear Sir: Your communication in regard to the Normal School was presented to the School Board at our meeting last evening.

By vote of the Malden School Committee I was instructed to say that the Malden Committee are unwilling to co-operate with the City of Boston in maintaining a Normal School.

Very respectfully,

L. A. PRESBY,
Secretary.

Office of Superintendent,
School Department, Medford, Mass.,
Dec. 13, 1898.

Supt. Edwin P. Seaver, Boston, Mass.:

Dear Mr. Seaver: I have talked with members of our school committee in regard to the suggestion you make in your letter of December 3 in regard to the relation of the Normal School to the surrounding cities. It seems to them, as it seems to me, that Boston will gain by such an arrangement, but the other cities gain nothing. Until the salaries are equal to the salaries in Boston, of course Boston would have the pick of the best graduates of the school, whether they belong in Boston or not, and we should have to content ourselves with the leavings. At present our girls have the privilege of going to any Normal School in the State, and we in turn may select our teachers from any one of these schools. I think we are better off as we are.

Yours truly,

C. H. MORSS,
Superintendent of Schools.

Milton Public Schools,
Milton, Mass.,
Feb. 20, 1899.

To the School Committee of Boston:

The School Committee of Milton concur with the School Committee of Boston as to the desirability of a Normal School supported by the State of Massachusetts and located in the City of Boston, to meet the needs of such pupils in Boston and its

immediate vicinity as wish a Normal training. But, as the State maintains a system of Normal Schools, they do not deem it advisable as a town to assume any portion of the cost of maintenance of such a school beyond the amount annually apportioned to them by the State for Normal instruction.

WALTER C. SHAPLEIGH,
Secretary School Committee of Milton.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, NEWTON, MASS.,
NEWTONVILLE, Feb. 8, 1899.

Mr. Edwin P. Seaver, Superintendent of Schools, Boston:

DEAR SIR: Our School Board does not meet again until February 22. At that time, if it be not too late for your purpose, I will put before it your communication of December 2nd, relating to joint support of a Normal School to be located in Boston. I will not undertake to predict the action likely to be taken by the School Committee of Newton in reference to the matter, but am free to say that, so far as the present Superintendent of Schools is concerned, the project is not looked upon with favor.

Very truly yours,
G. I. ALDRICH.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, NEWTON, MASS,
NEWTONVILLE, Feb. 24, 1899.

Edwin P. Seaver, Esq., Superintendent of Schools, Boston:

MY DEAR SIR: At the regular February meeting of the Newton School Board, I presented your communication of Dec. 2, 1898, relating to the joint and general management and patronage of a Normal School.

The Board voted to receive and place on file said communication.

Truly yours,
G. I. ALDRICH.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, FAXON BLOCK,
HANCOCK STREET, QUINCY, MASS.,
Dec. 28, 1898.

Superintendent E. P. Seaver, Boston:

DEAR MR. SEAVER: Your letter regarding the Boston Normal School was presented to the Board last night, but it did not meet with any favor.

It was placed on file, and referred to the new Board of 1899.

Very truly yours,

H. W. LULL,
Superintendent.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, FAXON BLOCK, HANCOCK STREET,
QUINCY, MASS., Dec. 7, 1898.

Mr. E. P. Seaver, Superintendent of Schools, Boston, Mass.:

DEAR MR. SEAVER: Your letter of the third instant is just received. I will gladly refer the matter to the Board. Without mature consideration, I should say that Quincy would in all probability refuse to incur any expense in the way proposed.

The larger part of our High School graduates prefer the Bridgewater Normal School as they can go back and forth each day; as long as that school supplies the excellent instruction that it has been offering in the past, doubtless our graduates will continue to go to Bridgewater.

The only advantage to a pupil that I can see in your plan is a slight saving in time and expense of travel; however, I will give the matter further consideration, and interview the Board.

Very truly yours,

H. W. LULL,
Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
REVERE, MASS., Feb. 10, 1899.

Mr. Edwin P. Seaver, Superintendent of Schools, Boston:

DEAR SIR: Replying to your communication in reference to the attitude of our School Committee toward the joint maintenance of a Normal School in Boston, under the conditions set forth in that communication, I will say that while our committee would be glad to have a Normal School in Boston open to the young women of Revere, they do not deem it advisable, under existing conditions, to contribute toward the maintenance of such an institution to be supported by the City of Boston and a few suburban cities.

The presumption is that we could not be relieved from taxation for our proportionate share toward the support of the State Normal Schools. Our location makes the Salem Normal School conveniently accessible. Our taxes have become burdensome — $16.20 per thousand last year. In view of these things our committee do not feel like urging upon the town the additional expense that we presume would be necessary for the maintenance of this school.

If we have misapprehended the situation, or if there are factors in the problem that we have overlooked, we are open to further and cordial consideration of the subject.

Very truly yours,

FRANK J. PEASLEE,
Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT,
SOMERVILLE, MASS., Jan. 31, 1899.

Edwin P. Seaver, Superintendent of Schools, Boston, Mass.:

MY DEAR MR. SEAVER: At a meeting of the Somerville School Board, held January 30, 1899, it was voted inexpedient to take any action at the present time concerning the union with the City of Boston in the conduct or maintenance of a Normal School.

Yours truly,

G. A. SOUTHWORTH,
Secretary of Board.

OFFICE OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
WATERTOWN, MASS., Dec. 7, 1898.

Superintendent Seaver:

DEAR SIR: In accord with your communication received Monday, A.M., I brought the matter before the committee last evening. As I have found no opportunity to talk over the matter with them individually, I did not think best to ask for a decision in the little light we had. They all thought it would be well to learn more of the subject, and I should be glad of an interview with you for the purpose of understanding the plan more thoroughly.

I shall be in Boston attending the lectures Saturday, A.M., and would like to meet you later in the day if convenient for you. If not convenient at that time please let me know at what other time we may confer.

Yours truly,

M. A. STONE,
Superintendent of Schools.

WINTHROP PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
WINTHROP, MASS., Dec. 13, 1898.

Mr. Edwin P. Seaver, Superintendent of Public Schools, Boston, Mass.:

DEAR SIR: Your favor of Dec. 3rd, at hand. It was brought before the meeting of the School Committee, Dec. 6th. The com-

mittee wish me to ascertain the probable cost per pupil, providing Winthrop should conclude to join in the proposition of sending pupils to the Boston Normal School. If you could give me the approximate cost per pupil, also any other information which it may be well to present to the School Committee, I shall be obliged.

Hoping to hear from you in regard to this matter, I am

Yours sincerely,

F. A. DOUGLAS,
Superintendent of Schools.

Referred to the Committee on the Normal School.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the communication from the Superintendent, together with the accompanying correspondence was ordered to be printed in full in the Minutes.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

Addition to contract of F. G. Coburn & Co., for construction of Webster-avenue Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of F. G. Coburn & Co., for the construction of the Webster-avenue Primary School-house, in the net sum of $464.37 for cutting, brickwork, and furnace setting, wiring for motors, hot water heater, hinging window guards, and sanding cornice, which amount includes a deduction on account of omission of separate coal pit included in original specifications.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appointment of matron of Paul Revere School.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, reported for the approval of the Board, the following appointment:

Paul Revere School. — Mrs. Honora Cockrane, matron, from Feb. 27, 1899.

Accepted, and the appointment approved.

Report of Committee on School Houses; salary

Mr. Strange, for the same committee to whom were referred — Feb. 14 — orders establishing the salaries of the janitors of the Albert Palmer, Webb, and Margaret

Fuller Schools at certain rates, reported that after due consideration of the several propositions, they have transmitted to the Committee on Salaries such recommendations relating thereto as in their judgment should be carried into effect at the present time.

of janitors of Albert Palmer, Webb, and Margaret Fuller Schools. [See pp. 42, 43.]

Accepted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with the J. L. Mott Iron Works in the sum of $900 for installing new sanitary fixtures and otherwise improving the sanitation and ventilation of the Brighton High School-house.

Execution of contract for installing new sanitary fixtures, Brighton High School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to H. S. Dudley, for the Denison House Association, the sum of sixteen dollars ($16) for cleaning and heating the Denison House Kindergarten, from Jan. 2, 1899, to Feb. 27, 1899.

Payment to H. S. Dudley, for cleaning and heating Denison House Kindergarten.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, who were requested — Feb. 14 — to report a schedule of salaries for janitors at the next meeting of the Board, reported that they are giving this matter attention, but the preparation of such a schedule is a matter that requires considerable thought and care, and they therefore recommend that they be allowed further time for the consideration of this subject.

Report of Committee on School Houses; schedule of salaries for janitors. [See p. 57.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — an order requesting them to consider and report a proper sum to be allowed Edward J. Cox, sub-master in the Lowell School, for extra services rendered during the vacancy in the mastership of

Report of Committee on Salaries; extra compensation to Edward J. Cox. [See p. 57.]

said school, reported that they have carefully considered the matter, and find that Mr. Cox performed additional duties as acting master of that school during the interval between the death of Mr. Jones, the former principal, Nov. 27, 1898, and the appointment of his successor, Jan. 2, 1899, and that no salary was paid for the services of a principal during the month of December, 1898. Your committee also find that there have been several precedents for the payment for services of acting principals of grammar schools under similar circumstances, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Edward J. Cox, submaster in the Lowell School, the sum of sixty-five dollars ($65) in addition to his regular salary, for services rendered as acting master of that school during the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Jones.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to H. Caroline Wort. [See p. 58.]

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — an order relative to the payment of $212 to H. Caroline Wort, for services as primary-school instructor in the Everett District, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to H. Caroline Wort the sum of two hundred and twelve dollars ($212) for services rendered in Primary School, Everett District, from Sept. 6, 1898, to Feb. 9, 1899, inclusive.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the report and order were laid on the table.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Kate F. Hobart. [See p. 57.]

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — an order that Kate F. Hobart, an instructor in the Horace Mann School, be paid the sum of $42 for extra services rendered as teacher of wood-working in that school, reported that they have investigated the matter, and find that during the absence of the regular instructor in this subject

during September and October, 1898, Miss Hobart discharged his duties as well as her own, and, in the opinion of the committee, is justly entitled to additional compensation therefor. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Kate F. Hobart, assistant in the Horace Mann School, the sum of forty-two dollars ($42) for extra services rendered as teacher of wood-working in that school during September and October, 1898.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Henry E. Loring. [See p. 46.]

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — an order that Henry E. Loring, sub-master in the Tileston District, be placed upon the second year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 6, 1898, reported that your committee have given the matter careful consideration, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Henry E. Loring, sub-master in the Tileston District, be placed upon the second year of service in his rank, to date from Feb. 1, 1899.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Humphrey C. Mahoney.

Ordered, That there be paid to Humphrey C. Mahoney the sum of one hundred thirteen dollars ($113) for extra services rendered as temporary janitor of the Paul Revere School, from Nov. 19, 1898, until Jan. 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Thomas W. Kenny.

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas W. Kenny the sum of seventy-six dollars ($76) for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall, from Sept. 12, 1898, to Jan. 27, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of janitor of Stephen M. Weld School.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Stephen M. Weld School be fixed at the rate of seven hundred twenty dollars ($720) per annum, to date from Feb. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of janitor of Webb School.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Webb School be fixed at the rate of two hundred forty dollars ($240) per annum, to date from Dec. 12, 1898, until otherwise ordered.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Accounts; appropriation for exhibit of work of Boston public schools at Paris Exposition. [See p. 24.]

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Jan. 24 — an order that they be requested to include in their estimates of the expenses of the public schools for the ensuing financial year the sum of $5,000 for the preparation of an exhibit of the work of the Boston public schools at the Paris Exposition during the year 1900, reported that they have included this sum in the estimates for 1899–1900, submitted to the School Board for approval, and that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Accounts, Committee on Accounts to include in their expenses for ensuing year, appropriation for alterations and repairs on school buildings, etc. [See p. 23.]

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 24 — an order that they be instructed to include in their estimates of the expenses of the public schools for the ensuing financial year, a sum not exceeding $250,000 for alterations and repairs on school buildings and temporary accommodations for school purposes, reported that in the opinion of this committee the sum of $252,500 may be needed for the purposes named, and that this amount has been included in the estimates for 1899–1900, submitted to the School Board for approval, and that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the amount due William M. Newton, deceased, late sub-master in the Prescott School, be paid to his widow, Mary E. Newton.

Payment due Wm. M. Newton, deceased.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a report from the Superintendent recommending that the order referred to him, "That the afternoon session of the Aberdeen Primary School in the Bennett District be dispensed with, and that the morning session continue from nine o'clock A.M., to two o'clock P.M.," ought not to pass, reported that they have given the situation in this district, as well as a petition signed by a number of parents or guardians of children attending this school, which has been presented to them, very careful consideration. Your committee do not believe that the reasons advanced for permitting a change in the sessions of the Aberdeen School are such as to warrant the proposed departure from the Regulations, and they therefore recommend that no further action be taken by the Board with regard to the matter.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations, dispensing with afternoon sessions of Aberdeen Primary School.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom were referred — Feb. 14 — two orders suggesting amendments to the Regulations, one relating to the admission, registration, and discharge of pupils in the Evening Schools, and the other referring to the use of text-books in the same schools, reported that in their opinion the proposed amendments to the Regulations should be adopted by the Board. Your committee therefore recommend the pasage of the following order:

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendments of Regulations; admittance and discharge of pupils, Evening Schools; text-books in Evening Schools. [See pp. 55, 56.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 314. Strike out the section, and insert in place thereof the following :

SECTION 314. No child under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to an Evening School, and no pupil in the day schools shall be admitted to an Evening School except by express permission of the Committee on Evening Schools. No pupil shall be admitted to any Evening School who has not pledged himself to as regular attendance as his circumstances will permit ; and no pupil shall be admitted to the Evening High School who is unable to attend at least two evenings a week, except by permission of the Committee on Evening Schools. Any pupil who shall absent himself from an Evening School for three consecutive evenings on which his attendance is due shall be discharged, and shall not be readmitted until he shall have satisfactorily explained his absence. A principal may discharge a pupil for disobedience or improper conduct ; and such pupil shall not be readmitted without the consent of the Committee on Evening Schools. Principals of Evening Schools shall enter the name and address of each pupil, and the evenings on which he is to attend, in a book kept for the purpose ; *provided*, that no person shall be considered a member of any school until he shall have attended at least two evenings.

SECTION 316. Strike out the section, and insert in place thereof the following :

SECTION 316. The text-books used in the Evening Schools shall be such only as are duly authorized by the Board. The several principals shall be responsible for all books owned by the city in use in their respective schools; and pupils in the elementary schools shall not be permitted to take such books from the several buildings.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Regulations; rank of instructors, Latin and High Schools. [See p. 46.]

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — an order suggesting an amendment of section 148 of the Regulations with reference to the attainment of the rank of master by junior-masters in the Latin and High Schools, reported that they have considered the matter and are of the opinion that the proposed amendment should be adopted. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 148. Strike out the last sentence of said section, and insert in place thereof the following:

"Such male instructors above the rank of assistants who have attained the maximum salary of their rank shall be masters, and those who have not attained the maximum salary of their rank shall be junior-masters; *provided*, that no instructor who has once attained the rank of master shall, by any change in the salary schedule, be deprived of that title."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; afternoon sessions of schools in Minot District.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, reported that they have learned that for many years it has been the custom in the schools of the Minot District to begin the afternoon session at 1.45 o'clock P.M., and to close it at 3.45 o'clock, P.M., during the months when the Regulations prescribe that it shall begin at two o'clock and close at four o'clock. This deviation from the Regulations has been established by votes of the Committee on the Ninth Division, and it is urged in favor of the continuance of the custom that the school is six miles from the centre of the city, that the teachers are mainly dependent on the electric service, and that it would be extremely difficult for them, if school closed at four o'clock, to attend the various lectures, meetings, and conferences held from time to time for their benefit at the appointed hours. Your committee are of the opinion that the foregoing reasons are good and substantial, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the afternoon session of the schools in the Minot District shall begin at 1.45 o'clock, and close at 3.45 o'clock, except that from the first Monday in November to and including the last Friday in January, the afternoon session may begin at 1.30 o'clock, and close at 3.30 o'clock.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Resolutions on death of John C. Ryder, late head-master, Brighton High School.

Resolved, That we, the School Committee of the City of Boston, hereby express our sincere sorrow at the death of John C. Ryder, late head-master of the Brighton High School.

Resolved, That we desire to place upon our records an expression of our regard for Mr. Ryder as a man, and our appreciation of his faithful and devoted service in our public schools. By his scholarly attainments, his dignified bearing, his rare administrative ability, and more especially by the solid worth of his character, Mr. Ryder, as instructor in the Evening High School, as sub-master in the Dearborn and Hugh O'Brien Schools, as principal of the Mount Vernon School, as master in the Roxbury High School, and as head-master of the Brighton High School, won the esteem of this Board, and the respect and love of the teachers, pupils, and parents with whom he came in contact.

Resolved, That we extend to his family our profound sympathy for the loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in full upon our records, and that a copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Mr. Burrill offered the following:

Resolutions on proposed amendment of law relating to study of physiology and hygiene in public schools.

Whereas, An attempt is being made to so amend the law requiring physiology and hygiene to be taught in the public schools so as to more fully define the schools in which it shall be taught; the methods of instruction, and the character of the text-books; to provide penalties for non-compliance with the requirements of the law; to provide for the supervision of the instruction; and to provide for the enforcement of the law:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that such legislation is unnecessary and uncalled for.

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee of this Board is hereby instructed to appear before the proper

committee of the Legislature and protest, in the name of this Board, against such legislation.

Adopted.

Mr. Brett, for the Committee on High Schools, reported the death of Jennie R. Sheldon, late assistant, Girls' Latin School.

Death of Jennie R. Sheldon.

Accepted.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house on Walk Hill street, Forest Hills, be named the Francis Parkman School, in honor of Francis Parkman, the historian.

Naming of new Primary School-house, Forest Hills.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document, No. 14, 1898.)

Annual report of Committee on Horace Mann School.

Accepted.

Mr. Bennett, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — the appointment on probation of Samuel A. Johnson as sub-master in the Dudley District, reported that after having duly considered the matter they recommend the appointment of Walter J. Phelan to that position.

Report of Committee on Seventh Division; appointment on probation of Samuel A. Johnson. [See p. 30.]

On motion of Mr. McDonough, the report was laid over for two weeks.

Mr. Davison moved that the Board adjourn.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent be requested to consider and report at an early date, upon the advisability of revising the Course of Study for Evening Drawing Schools.

Revision of Course of Study for Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Clarence P. Coburn, the sum of eighty dollars ($80) for extra services as

Payment to Clarence P. Coburn, Annie

Dooley, Adah F. Whitney, and Walter H. Russell.

acting-principal of the Franklin Evening School during the vacancy in the principalship of said school, and that there be also paid to Annie Dooley the sum of two dollars ($2), to Adah F. Whitney the sum of eight dollars ($8), and to Walter H. Russell, the sum of twenty-four dollars ($24), for services rendered as assistants in that school during the same time.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on Second Division; transfer of Henry C. Parker. [See p. 30.]

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — the proposed transfer of Henry C. Parker, sub-master in the Dwight District to the same position in the Warren District, reported that after due consideration of the matter, they are of the opinion that Mr. Parker should remain in his present position, and that the vacancy in the Warren District should be filled by a new appointment. Your committee therefore present the name of a candidate whom they consider well fitted to discharge the duties of the position, and recommend the appointment of James H. Leary as sub-master in the Warren District.

Mr. Bateman presented the following minority report:

Minority report.

In accordance with section 50 of the Rules, I present the following minority report approving the nomination of Henry C. Parker to fill by transfer the position of sub-master in the Warren District.

Henry C. Parker has been second sub-master in the Dwight District since 1886. Previously he had taught as principal of Grammar Schools in the towns of Southampton, Haydenville, Reading and Quincy. He is the choice of the master of the Warren District, of the supervisor in charge, and of the Superintendent.

James H. Leary (who is recommended as the choice of the majority of the committee for the vacant sub-master-ship) has taught in the Evening Elementary

Schools since 1891, having been principal of the Warren Evening School since September, 1895. The records do not show that he has ever taught in public day schools.

The only argument which has been advanced in favor of substituting Mr. Leary for Mr. Parker is to the effect that Mr. Parker lives in Reading, while Mr. Leary lives in Charlestown, and therefore has a "claim" upon the position. The highest good of the children should alone be considered. The relative standing as teachers of these two men must be well known to Superintendent and Supervisors, the professional advisers of this Board, and it would be a most serious and unprecedented step to reject the nomination of the executive head of the Boston public schools. I therefore recommend that the nomination of Henry C. Parker as submaster in the Warren District be confirmed.

Mr. Bateman moved that his minority report be substituted for the report of the committee.

Mr. Anderson moved as an amendment that both reports be laid over for two weeks.

Lost.

Mr. Anderson doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered for the verification of the same.

Mr. Anderson's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs Anderson, Burrill, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Nichols — 5.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Bateman, Bennett, Berridge, Bowdlear, Brett, Campbell, Fleischer, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt and Strange — 16.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Calderwood, Courtney, and Davison.

On motion of Mr. Burrill the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to substitute the minority report for the report of the committee.

Mr. Anderson moved as an amendment to the motion that the question of Mr. Leary's fitness for the position of sub-master in the Warren District be referred to the Board of Supervisors, with instructions to report thereon at the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to refer the matter to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Anderson's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, Coolidge, Davison, and Nichols — 6.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Bennett, Berridge, Bowdlear, Brett, Campbell, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, and Strange — 16.

Absent: Messrs. Calderwood and Courtney.

The Chair stated the question was on substituting the minority report presented by Mr. Bateman for the report of the committee.

The motion to substitute was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Coolidge, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Fleischer, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Nichols — 11.

Nays: Messrs. Bennett, Berridge, Brett, Campbell, Gallivan, Huggan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, and Strange — 11.

Absent: Messrs. Calderwood and Courtney.

The Chair at this time ruled that the appointment recommended in the report of the committee could be acted upon only under a suspension of the Rules.

Mr. Strange appealed from the decision of the Chair, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered on the appeal.

The Board refused to sustain the decision of the Chair by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Coolidge, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Fleischer, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Nichols — 10. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Bennett, Berridge, Brett, Campbell, Gallivan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, and Strange — 11.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Calderwood, Courtney, and Huggan.

Mr. Strange moved that the Board proceed to ballot for sub-master in the Warren District.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that the question before the Board was on the acceptance of the report offered by the Committee on the Second Division, and that pending action thereon no other motions were in order.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on the acceptance of the report.

Mr. Anderson moved that, pending further consideration, the report be recommitted to the Committee on the Second Division, with instructions to report in detail, so far as practicable, on the respective qualifications of Messrs. Parker and Leary for the position of sub-master in the Warren District.

Mr. Strange raised the point of order that after the yeas and nays had been ordered on a question, no other motion could be entertained until the vote ordered had been taken.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Anderson appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The decision of the Chair was declared sustained.

Mr. Anderson doubted the vote, and, on his motion, the yeas and nays were ordered for the verification of the same.

The decision of the Chair was sustained by the following vote:

Yeas and nays. *Yeas:* Messrs. Bennett, Berridge, Brett, Campbell, Fleischer, Gallivan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, and Strange — 11.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Coolidge, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Nichols — 10.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Calderwood, Courtney, and Huggan.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the report was divided, and the question came on accepting the first part of the report, viz.: that, in the opinion of the committee, Mr. Parker should remain in his present position, and that the vacancy in the Warren District should be filled by a new appointment.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the foregoing portion of the report was referred to the Committee on the Fifth Division.

The Chair stated the question was on accepting the second portion of the report, recommending the appointment of James H. Leary as sub-master in the Warren District.

Mr. Bateman moved that the matter be specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board at 8.30 o'clock, P.M., and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays. *Yeas:* Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, Coolidge, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Nichols — 8.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Bennett, Berridge, Bowdlear Brett, Campbell, Fleischer, Gallivan, Huggan. Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, and Strange — 14.

Absent: Messrs. Calderwood and Courtney.

The Chair stated the question was on accepting the second part of the report, recommending the appointment of James H. Leary.

The Board refused acceptance by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Berridge, Brett, Campbell, Gallivan, Huggan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, and Strange — 11. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Bowdlear, Burrill, Coolidge, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Fleischer, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Nichols — 11.

Absent: Messrs. Calderwood and Courtney.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, March 14, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at 7.30 o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mr. Fleischer.

On motion of Mr. McDonough, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments, confirmations and transfer presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Mr. Burrill offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Employment of teachers in excess of number allowed by rule.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The appointments, confirmations and transfer were approved.

Appointments, confirmations, and transfer laid over, approved.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house on Walk Hill street, Forest Hills, be named the Francis Parkman School, in honor of Francis Parkman, the historian.

Naming of new Primary School-house, Forest Hills. [See p. 87.]

Passed, 18 members voting in the affirmative.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Salary of janitor of Webb School. [See p. 82.]

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Webb School be fixed at the rate of two hundred and forty dollars ($240) per annum, to date from December 12, 1898, until otherwise ordered.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Salary of janitor of Stephen M. Weld School. [See p. 82.]

Ordered, that the salary of the janitor of the Stephen M. Weld School be fixed at the rate of seven hundred and twenty dollars ($720) per annum, to date from Feb. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Payment to Thomas W. Kenney. [See p. 81.]

Ordered, that there be paid to Thomas W. Kenney the sum of seventy-six dollars ($76) for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall, from Sept. 12, 1898, to Jan. 27, 1899.

Passed.

The following report, laid over at the last meeting, was read:

Report of Committee on Seventh Division; appointment on probation, of Samuel A. Johnson. [See pp. 16, 30, 87.]

The Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — the appointment on probation of Samuel A. Johnson as sub-master in the Dudley District, report that after having duly considered the matter they recommend the appointment of Walter J. Phelan to that position.

On motion of Mr. McDonough, the report was laid over for two weeks.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Payment to Humphrey C. Mahoney. [See p. 81.]

Ordered, that there be paid to Humphrey C. Mahoney the sum of one hundred and thirteen dollars ($113) for extra services rendered as temporary janitor of the Paul Revere School, from Nov. 19, 1898, until Jan. 1, 1899.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, that Henry E. Loring, sub-master in the Tileston District, be placed upon the second year of service in his rank, to date from Feb. 1, 1899.

Salary of Henry E. Loring. [See p. 81.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That there be paid to Kate F. Hobart, assistant in the Horace Mann School, the sum of forty-two dollars ($42) for extra services rendered as teacher of wood-working in that school during September and October, 1898.

Payment to Kate F. Hobart [See p. 81.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That there be paid to Edward J. Cox, sub-master in the Lowell School, the sum of sixty-five dollars ($65) in addition to his regular salary, for services rendered as acting master of that school during the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Jones.

Extra compensation to Edward J. Cox. [See p. 80.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That there be paid to H. S. Dudley, for the Denison House Association, the sum of sixteen dollars ($16) for cleaning and heating the Denison House Kindergarten from Jan. 2, 1899, to Feb. 27, 1899.

Payment to H. S. Dudley for cleaning and heating Denison House Kindergarten. [See p. 79.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with the J. L. Mott Iron Works in the sum of $900, for installing new sanitary fixtures and otherwise improving the sanitation and ventilation of the Brighton High School-house.

Execution of contract for installing new sanitary fixtures, Brighton High School-house. [See p. 79.]

On motion of Mr. Burrill, the order was recommitted to the Committee on School Houses, with instructions to advertise for proposals for doing the work.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Addition to contract of F. G. Coburn & Co., for construction of Webster-avenue Primary School-house. [See. p. 78.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of F. G. Coburn & Co., for the construction of the Webster-avenue Primary School-house, in the net sum of $464.37 for cutting, brickwork, and furnace setting, wiring for motors, hot water heater, hinging window guards, and sanding cornice, which amount includes a deduction on account of omission of separate coal pit included in original specifications.

Passed by a vote of 20 to 2.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulations; rank of instructors, Latin and High Schools. [See pp. 46, 85.]

SECTION 148. Strike out the last sentence of said section and insert in place thereof the following:

"Such male instructors above the rank of assistants who have attained the maximum salary of their rank shall be masters, and those who have not attained the maximum salary of their rank shall be junior-masters; *provided*, that no instructor who has once attained the rank of master shall, by any change in the salary schedule, be deprived of that title."

Passed.

The following order took its second reading.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulations; admittance and discharge of pupils, Evening Schools; text-books in Evening Schools. [See pp. 55, 56, 83, 84.]

SECTION 314. Strike out the section, and insert in place thereof the following:

SECTION 314. No child under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to an Evening School, and no pupil in the day schools shall be admitted to an Evening School except by express permission of the Committee on Evening Schools. No pupi shall be admitted to any Evening School who has not pledged himself to as regular attendance as his circumstances will permit; and no pupil shall be admitted to the Evening High School who

is unable to attend at least two evenings a week, except by permission of the Committee on Evening Schools. Any pupil who shall absent himself from an Evening School for three consecutive evenings on which his attendance is due shall be discharged, and shall not be readmitted until he shall have satisfactorily explained his absence. A principal may discharge a pupil for disobedience or improper conduct; and such pupil shall not be readmitted without the consent of the Committee on Evening Schools. Principals of Evening Schools shall enter the name and address of each pupil, and the evenings on which he is to attend, in a book kept for the purpose; *provided*, that no person shall be considered a member of any school until he shall have attended at least two evenings.

SECTION 316. Strike out the section, and insert in place thereof the following:

SECTION 316. The text-books used in the Evening Schools shall be such only as are duly authorized by the Board. The several principals shall be responsible for all books owned by the city in use in their respective schools; and pupils in the elementary schools shall not be permitted to take such books from the several buildings.

Passed.

The Chair read the following:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
BOSTON, March 11, 1899.

To the School Committee:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; veto of orders relative to payment to janitors for extra services.

I return herewith, without my approval, orders passed by your committee on February 28th, providing for the payment of $12.90 to Patrick M. Connolly for extra services as janitor of the Eliot School, of $13.20 to Joseph P. Fleming for extra services as janitor of the Hancock School, of $20.00 to Jeremiah W. Murphy for extra services as janitor of the Phillips School, and $12.75 to Humphrey C. Mahoney for extra services as janitor of the Cushman School. I understand that such extra services consisted in washing the windows of school buildings, and it seems to me that such service properly comes under the regular duties of a janitor, and should be allowed for in his regular salary, instead of as an extra.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

City of Boston,
In School Committee, Feb. 14, 1899.

Ordered, That there be paid to Patrick M. Connolly the sum of twelve and $\frac{90}{100}$ dollars ($12.90) for extra service as janitor of the Eliot School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Feb. 28, 1899.

Passed.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

City of Boston,
In School Committee, Feb. 14, 1899.

Ordered, That there be paid to Joseph P. Fleming the sum of thirteen and $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars ($13.20) for extra services as janitor of the Hancock School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Feb. 28, 1899.

Passed.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

City of Boston,
In School Committee, Feb. 14, 1899.

Ordered, That there be paid to Jeremiah W. Murphy the sum of twenty dollars ($20) for extra services as janitor of the Phillips School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Feb. 28, 1899.

Passed.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

City of Boston,
In School Committee, Feb. 14, 1899.

Ordered, That there be paid to Humphrey C. Mahoney the sum of twelve and $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars ($12.75) for extra services as janitor of the Cushman School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Feb. 28, 1899.

Passed.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair stated the question was on the reconsideration of the votes whereby the four foregoing orders were passed.

The votes were reconsidered.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the orders, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The four orders passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs Aldrich, Berridge, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood, Campbell, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, Nichols, and Strange — 19.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, and Bowdlear — 4.

Absent: Mr. Fleischer.

The Chair read the following:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
BOSTON, March 11, 1899.

To the School Committee:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; veto of certain items in annual appropriation order.

I return herewith the annual appropriation order, as passed by your committee, having approved of all the items therein except the six items under the heading of "Salaries for Janitors," amounting in the aggregate to $156,000, which I hereby disapprove, for the reason that I believe that the salaries of janitors should be itemized in the same manner as salaries of instructors are itemized, so as to show at least the number of janitors who are paid each grade of salary. As the items stand, there is nothing to show the distribution of the aggregate amount of each item between the number of janitors who are to be paid out of such item. It seems to me proper that the Mayor should have the same opportunity to pass upon the salaries paid to janitors which he has to pass upon salaries paid to instructors. The item "Additional for washing floors, etc., $2,800," under the heading of "Salaries for Janitors" is disapproved for the reason that it seems to me that the washing of floors should be considered as coming within the regular janitor service.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

Accompanying this communication was the annual appropriation order passed by the Board at the meeting of February 28, and printed in full in the Minutes of February 14, pages 47–55, inclusive.

The items vetoed are as follows:

Janitors of 11 High Schools . . .	$20,000 00
Janitors of 57 Grammar Schools . . .	64,500 00
Janitors of 119 Primary Schools . . .	58,300 00
Janitors of 35 Special and Evening Schools,	7,700 00
Janitors of School Committee rooms . .	2,700 00
Additional for washing floors, etc. . .	2,800 00
Total for Janitors	$156,000 00

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Franklin District. — Henrietta C. Wort, Boston, from March 9, 1899.

Howe Kindergarten. — Anna M. Mullins, Boston, from March 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Temporary teachers.

Lewis District. — Blanche L. Bachelder, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from March 7, 1899.

Placed on file.

Re-Appointments of Temporary Teachers.

Normal School. — Gertrude R. Coffin, Boston, assistant, from April 13, 1899. Mary L. Vining, Boston, assistant, from March 27, 1899.

Christopher Gibson District. — Florence E. Marshall, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from April 13, 1899.

Warren District. — Thomas F. Chrostwaite, Boston, sub-master, from March 13, 1899.

Schools of Cookery. — Jeannie B. Kenrick, Newton, instructor, from March 30, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Dearborn District. — Amanda C. Ellison, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from April 13, 1899.

Everett District. — Susan E. Abbott, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from March 9, 1899.

Hancock District. — Theresa E. Fraser, Boston, Margaret D. Mitchell, Boston, first assistants, Primary School, from March 1, 1899.

Lyman District. — Sophie G. Thayer, Braintree, assistant, Primary School, from March 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

For confirmation.

Brimmer District. — Katherine E. Lahey, assistant, Grammar School.

Lewis District. — Mary A. H. Fuller, assistant, Grammar School; Catherine G. Foley, assistant, Primary School.

Mary Hemenway District. — Ida K. McGiffert, first assistant, Primary School.

Wells District. — Georgia D. Barstow, first assistant, Primary School.

Kindergartens.

Lauriat-avenue School. — Jennie B. Brown, Principal.

Shurtleff School. — Florence H. Murray, assistant.

Laid over, under the rule.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Leaves of absence granted; substitutes approved.

Girls' High School. — S. Annie Shorey, assistant, from April 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Abby N. Arnold, Boston, substitute.

Adams District. — Adiline H. Cook, assistant, Grammar School, from March 28, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Madeline A. Foppiano, Boston, substitute.

Dwight District. — Nellie L. Shaw, assistant, Grammar School, from March 14, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Harlan P. Ford, Boston, substitute.

Hyde District. — Caroline K. Nickerson, assistant, Grammar School, from April 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Frances M. Supple, Boston, substitute.

Lyman District. — Helen A. Crosbie, Boston, substitute for Cordelia Lothrop, first assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Robert G. Shaw District. — Helen S. Henry, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 28, 1899, until June 28, 1899; Margaret F. Murphy, Boston, substitute.

Wells District. — Hattie A. Watson, assistant, Grammar School, from March 8, 1899, until April 8, 1899, Mary L. Long, Malden, substitute.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

RE-APPOINTMENTS OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Frank E. Poole, Boston, junior-master, from March 16, 1899.

Tileston District. — Josephine Hammond, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from March 23, 1899.

Washington Allston District. — Mary A. Duston, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from April 10, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

INSTRUCTOR OF MILITARY DRILL.

Instructor of Military Drill.

The Superintendent presented for approval, the appointment of P. Frank Packard, of Salem, Mass., as

Instructor of Military Drill, to date from March 29, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on School Houses, sanitary condition of Ticknor School-house.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from the Common Council, asking that the sanitary condition of the Ticknor School, South Boston, be investigated, and that such changes and repairs as are necessary be made so as to put the same in proper condition, reported that they have again investigated the condition of this building and are fully acquainted with its necessities with regard to alterations and repairs. These are so extensive, however, as to involve the closing of the school, should the work be undertaken at the present time. Your committee therefore recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that it is the intention of this committee to furnish new sanitary accommodations for this school, and to make other alterations and repairs during the coming summer vacation.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Payment due William M. Newton, deceased.

Ordered, That the amount due William M. Newton, deceased, late sub-master in the Warren School, be paid to his widow, Mary E. Newton.

Report of Joint Committee on Accounts and Hygiene and Physical Training; course of lectures given by Dr. Hartwell to Normal School pupils. [See p. 58.]

Mr. Coolidge, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Hygiene and Physicial Training, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — an order that the Committee on the Normal School be authorized to employ Dr. E. M. Hartwell to continue the course of lectures formerly given by him as Director of Physical Training for the benefit of the pupils in the Normal School, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School be authorized to employ Dr. E. M. Hartwell to continue the course of lectures formerly given by him as Director of Physical Training for the benefit of the pupils in the Normal School, at a cost not exceeding five hundred dollars ($500); provided that, if there are a less number of lectures than were given last year, the compensation shall be reduced correspondingly.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Salary of additional Assistant to Director of Drawing.

Ordered, That the salary of the additional Assistant to the Director of Drawing, authorized by the Board February 28, be established at the rate of $1,500 per annum.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Clarence P. Coburn, Annie Dooley, Adah F. Whitney, and Walter H. Russell. [See pp. 87, 88.]

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 28 — an order relative to the payment of $80 to Clarence P. Coburn, of $2 to Annie Dooley, of $8 to Adah F. Whitney, and of $24 to Walter H. Russell, for services as instructors in the Franklin Evening School during the vacancy in the principalship of that school, reported that they have investigated the matter, and find that the several persons named served as acting principal, assistants, and first assistant, respectively, in the Franklin Evening School during the interval between the resignation of Mr. Rafter, the former principal, and the appointment of his successor, and should be paid the several sums stated, with the exception of Mr. Russell, who, having received a temporary appointment, will receive the amount due him on the regular pay-roll. Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Clarence P. Coburn the sum of eighty dollars ($80) for extra services as

acting-principal of the Franklin Evening School during the vacancy in the principalship of said school, and that there be also paid to Annie Dooley the sum of two dollars ($2) and to Adah F. Whitney the sum of eight dollars ($8) for services rendered as assistants in that school during the same time.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the report and order relative to the payment of $212 to H. Caroline Wort, for services rendered in Primary School, Everett District, from Sept. 6, 1898, to Feb. 9, 1899, inclusive (See Minutes, page 80), were taken from the table.

Payment to H. Caroline Wort. [See pp. 58, 80.]

The report was accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on Supplies, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 1, 1899.)

Annual report of Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, to whom was referred — Feb. 28 — a report relative to the retention of Henry C. Parker as sub-master in the Dwight District and filling the vacancy in the sub-mastership of the Warren District by a new appointment, reported that they have given the matter careful consideration, and are willing that Mr. Parker should be transferred to the Warren District.

Report of Committee on Fifth Division; transfer of Henry C. Parker. [See pp. 30, 88, 93.]

Accepted.

Mr. Bateman moved that the transfer of Mr. Parker from the Dwight to the Warren Districts, as presented by the Superintendent at the meeting of January 24, be approved.

Mr. Gallivan raised the point of order that the approval of the appointment of a sub-master must be by ballot.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion offered by Mr. Bateman.

The transfer of Mr. Parker from the Dwight to the Warren Districts was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Huggan, Mrs. Keller and Mr. Nichols — 13.

Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Bennett, Berridge, Brett, Campbell, Gallivan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt and Strange — 10.

Absent: Mr. Fleischer.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Car tickets furnished to members of "Special Class."

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to furnish car tickets to members of the "Special Class" in cases where the need for such assistance exists.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Janitors to wash windows and floors of school buildings.

Ordered, That on and after this date the janitors of the various school buildings be required to wash windows and floors as a part of their regular duties, and that their salaries be made adequate.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair presented the following:

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

Petition of Willard S. Allen *et als.*, new grammar school building in Chapman School District.

We, the undersigned, residents and parents of the Chapman School District, knowing the grammar building in said district to be in an unsafe and dilapidated condition, dangerous to the life and health of the children, request and respectfully petition the School Committee of the City of Boston to take immediate steps to construct a suitable new building in place of the old structure.

WILLARD S. ALLEN
and twenty-five others.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

Petition from Peter Faneuil Chapter of Daughters of Revolution; naming of new Primary

The Chair presented a petition from the Peter Faneuil Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, asking that the new Primary School-house on Webster

avenue, Brighton, be named the Thomas Gardner School.

School-house, Webster avenue, Brighton.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That yard accommodations be furnished for the Harvard Primary School.

Yard accommodations, Harvard Primary School.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 28, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Courtney and Fleischer.

On motion of Mr. Bowdlear, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Appointments and confirmations laid over, approved.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, with the exception of the appointment of the Instructor of Military Drill, which appointment required approval by ballot.

Two first assistants, Paul Revere School.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, the rules were suspended, and the employment of two first assistants in the Paul Revere Primary School, Hancock District, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, was authorized.

The appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, with the exception of the appointment of the Instructor of Military Drill, were approved.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Salary of additional Assistant to Director of Drawing. [See p. 106.]

Ordered, That the salary of the additional Assistant to the Director of Drawing, authorized by the Board February 28, be established at the rate of $1,500 per annum.

Passed.

The following report, laid over at the last meeting, was read:

Report of Committee on Seventh Division; appointment on probation of Samuel A. Johnson. [See pp. 16, 30, 87, 96.]

The Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — the appointment on probation of Samuel A. Johnson as sub-master in the Dudley District, report that after having duly considered the matter they recommend the appointment of Walter J. Phelan to that position.

On motion of Mr. McDonough, the report was laid over for two weeks.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, CITY HALL,
March 18, 1899.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land taken on Washington and Kenilworth streets, for school purposes.

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Louis Berenson upon the sum of $5,500, as payment for 1,604 square feet of land between Washington street and Kenilworth street, at Roxbury, taken for school purposes (for an addition to the Dillaway School estate) by the City of Boston, January 9, 1897 (taking recorded January 11, 1897), upon the said Berenson giving to the city a deed for said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 9, 1899.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from City Council; sanitation of Comins School.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to make the necessary improvements in the sanitary arrangements of the Comins School, Ward 19.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 13.

Concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 15, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 9, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give a public hearing to the citizens of East Boston in regard to the necessity of repairs and alterations in the Chapman School-house.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from City Council; public hearing to be given relative to repairs of Chapman School-house.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 13.

Concurred.

A true copy.
Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 15, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 2, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take such steps as may be necessary for the erection of a building for kindergarten and primary school purposes on the site of the present school building on Leon street, Ward 19.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; new school building on Leon street.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 2, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 3, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.
The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, February 20, 1899.

Communication from City Council; remodelling of, and addition to, Chapman School-house.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to remodel the Chapman School building, and to add a six-room wing to it, also to widen the corridors, rebuild the stairs, provide suitable sanitaries for the boys, and install a system of heating and ventilation, and report their opinion to this Board at their earliest convenience.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. February 23 came up concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.
The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 2, 1899.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; new primary school-house, Thorndike and Reed streets, Ward 17.

Ordered, That the School Committee be hereby requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of selecting a site and erecting thereon a new primary school-house in the vicinity of Thorndike and Reed streets, Ward 17.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 2, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 3, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 2, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of purchasing land and erecting a school-house thereon, in the vicinity of Byron street, Ward 1, the expense of the same to be taken from the sum set aside by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the purpose of building new schools.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; new school-house on Byron street, Ward 1.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 2, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 3, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OLD COURT HOUSE,
BOSTON, March 20, 1899.

To the School Committee, City of Boston:

GENTLEMEN,—We beg to enclose statement of the last examination of the Weston-street Primary School-house, and suggest that measures should be taken, without further delay, for the improvement of the sanitary condition of the building.

Communication from Board of Health; sanitary condition of Weston-street Primary School-house.

Yours very truly,

THE BOARD OF HEALTH,
SAMUEL H. DURGIN,
Chairman.

[Enclosure.]

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OLD COURT HOUSE,
BOSTON, March 24, 1899.

To the School Committee, City of Boston:

GENTLEMEN, — On complaint the Board of Health has examined the sanitary condition of the following school buildings and report as follows:

Communication from Board of

WINSHIP SCHOOL-HOUSE, BRIGHTON.

Health; sanitary condition of Winship and Bennett School-houses and annex to Bennett School-house.

This is an old wooden building in fair state of repair, but the rooms are very much overcrowded. Ventilation is poor. The drainage is defective, and the waste-pipes from the sinks appear to discharge into a cesspool in the yard. The drainage from the flush-vaults is connected with the sewer. The flush-vaults are too near the school-rooms, are offensive, and in cold weather are unfit for comfortable use by the children. Rain conductors, without traps, discharge into the flush-vaults, and open at the roof in a direct line with the windows of the upper school-rooms.

BENNETT SCHOOL.

The vault for this school is located in the yard, and the contents of the vault in the annex are discharged into it. This vault is constantly in a filthy and offensive condition, as the only means of flushing is by attaching a hose. The building is not heated, and in cold weather is unfit for use by the children.

ANNEX TO THE BENNETT SCHOOL.

Flush vaults in basement defective and offensive. There is no means of ventilation from the basement where these vaults are located and doors to basement are close to doors leading to the school rooms from the lower floor so that the odors from the basement permeate the school rooms on this floor.

Very respectfully,

THE BOARD OF HEALTH,

SAMUEL H. DURGIN,

Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair presented the following:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OLD COURT HOUSE,
BOSTON, March 23, 1899.

To the School Committee, City of Boston:

Communication from Board of Health; sanitary condition of Dudley School-house.

DEAR SIRS,—The Board of Health would respectfully call your attention to the poor sanitary condition of the Dudley-street Grammar School-house, and say that repeated complaints, examinations and reports to the School Committee and the Superintendent of Public Buildings have been made without avail, and covering a period of several years. Another examination has been made within a few days which shows the continued bad condition of the ventilation, the plumbing and draining of the building.

There is a lack of traps, a defect in the drain, putty joints, insufficient flushing to water-closets, offensive odors from the

basement and a want of repairs otherwise in the building and inefficient means of ventilation.

The Board of Health would respectfully, but earnestly recommend that the sanitary condition of this building be improved as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,

THE BOARD OF HEALTH,

SAMUEL H. DURGIN,

Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATION.

Hugh O'Brien District. — George E. Murphy, assistant, Feb. 15, 1899. Resignation.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Chapman District. — Katherine E. Goode, Boston, from March 14, 1899. Special assistant.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Eliot District. — Mary E. Hughes, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from March 20, 1899. Temporary teacher.

Placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Dillaway District. — Julia E. Dickson, Cambridge, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from April 10, 1899. Teachers on probation.

Approved, under a suspension of the rule. Rules suspended.

Dwight District. — George A. Tyzzer, Lynn, submaster, from April 10, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Chapman District. — Gertrude W. Merrill, assistant, Primary School.

Norcross District. — Elizabeth C. Hunneman, assistant, Grammar School.

Phillips District. — Mary M. Robinson, Agnes G. Tarpey, assistants, Grammar School.

Shurtleff District. — Florence G. Frazer, assistant, Primary School.

Instructor of Sewing. — Margaret McDonald.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Brighton High School. — Eleanor J. O'Brien, teacher of physical training, from March 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899.

Roxbury High School. — Josiah M. Kagan, junior-master, from Feb. 28, 1899, until March 31, 1899; Mabel O. Mills, Somerville, substitute.

Bowditch District. — Alice M. Robinson, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 13, 1899, until April 10, 1899; Jennie M. Jackson, Boston, substitute.

Comins District. — Elizabeth P. Brewer, assistant, Primary School, from March 29, 1899, until June 30, 1899; Aloyse B. Tierney, Boston, substitute.

Dearborn District. — M. Agnes Murphy, assistant, Primary School, from March 13, 1899, until June 13, 1899; Frances M. Campbell, Boston, substitute.

Dwight District. — Eva L. Munroe, first assistant, Primary School, from March 16, 1899, until April 10, 1899; Florence A. Stone, Boston, substitute.

Everett District. — Minnie E. Sutherland, Boston, substitute for Evelyn E. Morse, assistant, Grammar school, granted leave of absence.

Franklin District. — Eva D. Pickering, assistant, Primary School, from April 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Mary L. McCollough, Boston, substitute.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Louise L. Carr, assistant, Primary School, from March 11, 1899, until May 11, 1899; Edith F. Brainerd, Boston, substitute.

Prince District. — Annie C. Murdock, assistant, Grammar School, from March 6, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Mabelle E. Lounsbury, Boston, substitute.

Quincy District. — Katherine L. Wilson, assistant, Primary School, from April 1, 1899, until June 1, 1899; Viola M. I. Clark, Dedham, substitute.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Laura J. Gerry, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 30, 1899, until April 10, 1899; Annie C. O'Reilly, Boston, substitute.

Bailey-street Kindergarten; Minnie G. Abbott, principal, from March 27, 1899, until May 1, 1899; A. Gertrude Bowker, Boston, substitute.

HEAD-MASTER, BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Appointment of head-master of Brighton High School.

The Superintendent presented for approval, the appointment of Frederic A. Tupper, of Quincy, as head-master of the Brighton High School, to date from April 10, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Execution of order of addition to contract of Frank G. Coburn & Co., for erecting High School-house, Dorchester.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of Frank G. Coburn & Co., for erecting a High School building at Dorchester, in the sum of $459.29 for increase in weight of certain steel

construction to meet the requirements of the building laws.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appropriation for Dillaway School-house lot enlargement.

Ordered, That from the $65,000 appropriated March 24, 1896, for Robinson-street School-house, Field's Corner, Dorchester, out of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following transfer be made, being a part of an unexpended balance not required for the purpose for which it was originally appropriated:

Dillaway School-house lot, enlargement, $5,500.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Purchase of land between Washington and Kenilworth streets for school purposes. [See p. 112.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Louis Berenson the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars ($5,500) as payment for 1,604 square feet of land between Washington street and Kenilworth street, at Roxbury, taken for school purposes (for an addition to the Dillaway School estate) by the city of Boston, January 9, 1897 (taking recorded January 11, 1897), upon the said Berenson giving to the city a deed for said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; new primary school accommodations, Gaston District. [See p. 25.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 24 — an order requesting them to provide additional primary school accommodations in the Gaston District, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend that no further action be taken for the present.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; communication from Board of Estimate and Apportionment; appropriation for primary and grammar schools. [See pp. 65, 66.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 28 — a communication from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, notifying the School Committee that said Board is prepared to pass a loan appropriation order of approximately $500,000 for additional primary and grammar school accommodations, as soon as it receives sufficient information to enable it to make the appropriations by districts, reported that after careful consideration of the matter, your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be informed that it is the intention of the School Committee, if the sum of $500,000 shall be made available during the current year for additional primary and grammar school accommodations, to reserve the sum of $55,000 for completing and furnishing those buildings which are now in course of construction, exclusive of High Schools, and to expend the remaining $445,000 for new school accommodations as follows:

East Boston (Wards 1 and 2),	
Fourteen-room grammar building . .	$95,000
Charlestown (Wards 3, 4 and 5),	
Excess in cost of primary school site in Warren District over available appropriation. An appropriation of $50,000 for the building has already been made,	10,000
Roxbury (Wards 17, 18 and 19),	
Six-room primary building . . .	40,000
South Boston (Wards 13, 14 and 15),	
Fourteen-room grammar building . .	100,000
Brighton (Ward 25),	
Twelve-room primary building . .	70,000
Dorchester (Wards 16, 20 and 24),	
Fourteen-room grammar building . .	100,000
Primary school site, Ward 20 . .	5,000
Brought forward	$420,000

Carried forward	$420,000
Sites,	
New sites where required in addition to those named	25,000
	$445,000

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the following:

Address to be given pupils in Dudley School.

Ordered, That L. M. Chase, master of the Dudley School, be permitted to allow the agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to address the pupils of that school some Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Laid over for two weeks.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, presented the following:

Amendment of Regulations; diplomas and certificates of proficiency, Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 183. Insert after the word "Board" in the fifth line of the third paragraph, the words "the Director of Drawing," so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

"Diplomas of graduation from all the schools shall be signed by the President of the Board and the principal of the school, except that diplomas awarded to pupils in the Evening Drawing Schools shall be signed by the President of the Board, the Director of Drawing, and the Master of Evening Drawing Schools. The diplomas shall be presented at the graduating exercises by any member of the committee in charge, and, in their absence, by any other member of the Board, the Superintendent a Supervisor, or the Principal."

SECTION 332. Strike out the words "and diplomas awarded to those pupils who, in the judgment of the Master, have completed the course creditably," in the second, third, and fourth lines, so that the section shall read as follows:

SECTION 332. A general exhibition shall be held at the close of the term. The date of the exhibition shall be determined by the master, and announced in the schools not later than ten days prior to the close of the term."

Add the following section to the chapter:

"SECTION 333. The master shall award certificates of proficiency to those pupils at the close of the term, who, in his judgment, have completed the course creditably. The certificates

shall be signed by the Chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools, and by the master. A pupil satisfactorily completing the course of study shall be entitled to a diploma of graduation."

Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; violation of rules; lectures in Lyman School.

The rules in use prior to June, 1898, provided no adequate method for their own enforcement; consequently many violations, some of them serious, passed either unoticed or unchecked. To remedy this abuse it was provided in section 34 of the new rules that "The Committee on Rules and Regulations shall see that the rules and regulations are properly and consistently enforced, and report to the Board such cases of violation as they may deem necessary." Under this provision various instances of violation have been brought to the notice of this committee; in two or three instances they have reported to the Board reasons for a special exemption, in other instances they have been able, without reporting to the Board, to cause the rules to be complied with. Many of these cases have grown out of a disregard of that part of section 210 of the regulations, providing that the morning session shall close at 12 o'clock, and that there shall be a recess of 20 minutes during that session. It is believed by this committee that the provisions of that regulation are now being generally complied with.

A more serious case of infraction of the regulations has now come before this committee, and they deem it their duty to report this instance to the Board. There have been advertised on leaflets for "Thursday, April 20, 1899, at 4.30 and 7.45, Auspices of Lyman Grammar School, For Lantern Slides, by permission of the Committee on School Houses, at the Lyman School Hall," illustrated lectures by one C. H. French, on "Cuba and the Maine," and "Klondike." The facts relative to these proposed lectures are as follows: Mr. French made an arrangement with the master of the Lyman School by which lectures were to be given in the school hall, advertised on leaflets as under the auspices of the Lyman School, tickets for admission to be put into the hands of the sub-master of the school, who should parcel them out to the pupils for sale among their parents and others; the pupils to receive, in free tickets, 10 per cent. of the amount they sold, and the proceeds to be turned in by them to the sub-master. Of the proceeds the lecturer was to have 40 per cent., and the master of the school 60 per cent., with which to purchase lantern slides for the use of the school. The master of the school advertised this lecture by publicly announcing it in the school hall when the whole school was assembled there; the pupils were told, in effect, that they were expected to do their

best in disposing of the tickets, as a matter of patriotic service to the school which was to share in the profits of the venture. Thus each child was spurred to become an active and energetic selling-agent.

Although this lecture is advertised to be "By permission of the Committee on School Houses," the records of that committee do not disclose that the matter ever came before them. Moreover, the Committee on School Houses have no jurisdiction over the use of school buildings for other than school purposes. Section 207 provides, — "No school building or part of a school building shall be used for other purposes than the work of the school, unless the consent of the committee in charge shall have been first obtained." The "committee in charge" means the Division Committee, and not the Committee on School Houses. The records of the Committee on the First Division, which is the committee in charge of this school, do not disclose that this committee have ever dealt with the question of the use of the hall of the Lyman School for this lecture.

But, assuming that the lecture is a proper one to be given in the school hall, and that, if proper application had been made to the proper authority, permission would have been granted for such use, the most weighty objections to this scheme remain to be considered. Section 224 of the regulations provides,— "No contribution for any purpose shall be permitted in any public school." Section 225 provides,— "No advertisement shall be read to the pupils of any school on the premises thereof, or be posted on the walls or fences of any school building; and no agent or other person shall be permitted to enter any school premises for the purpose of exhibiting either to teachers or pupils any book or article offered for sale. No lists of pupils shall be given by teachers to any person not an officer of the Board." These regulations have been a part of our code these many years and are vitally important. Seventy-five thousand children, gathered from many thousand homes, with names and addresses in the hands of teachers, offer an attractive field to the energetic and enterprising advertising agent. The number of school children is so large that small contributions from them, and from their parents through them, aggregate a large sum. Consequently frequent attempts are made to exploit the public schools in behalf of various advertising schemes; and, under the guise of patriotism and charity, to levy what is practically taxation upon the children. So soon as any enterprise is advertised as being under the "auspices of the school," and the children are asked to contribute or to get contributions for that purpose, the school ceases to be a *free* school. The moral pressure upon the children of the poor to do as much for the enterprise as the children of the wealthier do, is so strong as certainly to result either in dispro-

portionate sacrifices on the part of the poorer children, or in that sharp sense of pain and mortification which only the sensitive soul of the child can suffer. That the "curse of the poor is their poverty" is never more keenly felt than when inequality in contribution to some public purpose is found a necessity among children. It was largely to make the public schools purely democratic, and to remove as far as possible from them the inequalities of wealth and poverty, that free text-books were provided for. It needs no argument to show that to allow contributions in public schools and advertising on the premises, would be absolutely inconsistent with the whole theory on which free public education is based. So important have your committee deemed this principle, that they recently declined to offer in this Board an order permitting our own Director of Drawing to deliver, without compensation, lectures in various school halls, tickets to be sold by the children, as in the case of the Lyman School, the entire proceeds to go for the purchase of lantern slides. If the generous offer of our own Director of Drawing is to be rejected because of the importance of preventing contributions for any purpose in our school-houses, we ought not to pass over in silence the scheme of using the same methods for the benefit of a stranger.

That 60 per cent. of the proceeds of this lecture were to go to the benefit of the school, that the lecture may be interesting and possibly educationally advantageous, does not, in the opinion of your committee, afford any excuse. If it be desirable to use the public schools for those purposes, we have no doubt that the concession of advertising through them, without permitting contributions from the children, or their parents through them, could be sold for a very large sum. Many patent medicine concerns would probably bid very high for the opportunity. To say that the money is to be used for the benefit of the school is simply to say that if tuition were charged the expense to the city treasury for the maintenance and equipment of our schools would be very much less than it now is. Information has come to this committee that in the Lincoln School, in South Boston, the regulations were in effect violated, by inducing the pupils, ostensibly outside of the school, to act as selling agents for Mr. French's tickets. In our judgment, the spirit, as well as the strict letter of the these regulations, should be observed. The organization of the school should never be perverted to a mercenary purpose.

Your committee have deemed it their duty to call this matter fully to the attention of the Board, not only because of the importance of the principles involved, but because masters of other schools, ambitious for further equipment, have desired to avail themselves of similar opportunities for money raising; and, with

justice, say that they see no reason why there should be discrimination between the schools.

Your committee are of the opinion that no variation should be allowed from the provisions of sections 224 and 225, prohibiting contributions and advertising in our schools. They would call to the attention of the members of the Board and of the masters of the schools the fact that these provisions have been deemed so important that no sub-committee of the Board has any authority to permit any variation therefrom. If for any reason it is ever desirable that contributions for any purpose shall be received, or that any scheme shall be advertised in our public schools, it ought to be done only after the fullest and most public consideration by this Board.

Your committee therefore recommend that this report be adopted, as embodying the sense of the full Board relative to the importance of full compliance with the provisions of our regulations.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the report was laid on the table until the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following:

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 28, 1899.

To the School Committee:

Report of Committee on Accounts; communication from His Honor the Mayor; veto of certain items in annual appropriation order. [See pp. 101, 102.]

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred, March 14, 1899, a communication from His Honor the Mayor, wherein he states the reasons for withholding his approval from the items in the appropriation order under the head of "Salaries of Janitors" on the ground that they did not show the distribution of the aggregate amount of said items, beg leave to report that they have considered the matter and have endeavored to meet, as far as possible, the views of His Honor.

They therefore recommend that that part of the appropriation relating to janitors be reconsidered, and the following order substituted therefor:

Ordered, That to meet the current expenditures of the School Committee payable during the financial year beginning February 1, 1899, and ending January 31, 1900, the following sums be appropriated under the head of "Salaries of Janitors."

SALARIES OF JANITORS.

High Schools.

Latin and English High:	
Engineer	$2,100 00
Janitor	1,920 00
Janitor	1,440 00
Girls' High:	
Janitor	2,220 00
Janitor	960 00
Mechanic Arts High:	
Janitor	1,500 00
Engineer	1,008 00
Roxbury High	2,304 00
Brighton High	$1,620 00
Girls' Latin	960 00
Charlestown High	840 00
Dorchester High	780 00
East Boston High	744 00
West Roxbury High	540 00
Curtis Hall (Drill Hall for West Roxbury High School)	200 00
South Armory (Drill Hall)	275 00
Total for High Schools	$19,411 00

Grammar Schools.

Bowdoin	$1,440 00
Hugh O'Brien	1,404 00
Christopher Gibson	1,380 00
Henry L. Pierce	1,380 00
Mary Hemenway	1,380 00
Gilbert Stuart	1,320 00
Rice	1,320 00
Bennett and Branch	1,296 00
Martin	1,260 00
Agassiz	1,200 00
Emerson	1,200 00
John A. Andrew	1,200 00
Lyman	1,200 00
Prince	1,200 00
Hyde	1,176 00
Thomas N. Hart	1,164 00
Bowditch	1,140 00
Dearborn	1,140 00
Gaston	1,140 00
Lawrence	1,140 00
Lewis	1,140 00
Shurtleff	1,140 00
Dudley	1,116 00
Sherwin	1,116 00
Lowell	1,104 00
Frothingham	1,080 00
Longfellow	1,080 00
Roger Clap	1,080 00
Chapman	1,020 00
Comins	$1,020 00
Harvard	1,020 00
Lincoln	1,020 00
Dillaway	996 00
Hancock	984 00
Adams	960 00
Dwight	960 00
Everett	960 00
Phillips	936 00
Franklin	912 00
Bigelow	900 00
Brimmer	900 00
Edward Everett	900 00
Quincy	900 00
Warren	900 00
Norcross	888 00
Bunker Hill	876 00
Eliot	876 00
Ware (branch of Eliot)	360 00
Winthrop	876 00
George Putnam	864 00
Prescott	840 00
Robert G. Shaw	816 00
Wells	816 00
Washington Allston	792 00
William Wirt Warren (branch of Washington Allston)	636 00

Allston Club House (branch of Washington Allston)	$336 00	Tileston	$576 00
Charles Sumner	780 00	Six outside buildings, mostly annexes, less than $300 per annum each	1,140 00
Harris	720 00	Paid for extra services to date	62 10
Mather	708 00		
Minot	696 00		

Total for Grammar Schools $62,882 10

Primary Schools.

Paul Revere, Janitor,	$1,800 00	Albert Palmer	$600 00
Matron, estimated at	480 00	Harvard Hill	600 00
Cudworth	996 00	Margaret Fuller	600 00
Mayhew	996 00	Morton-street	600 00
Cushman	936 00	Wyman	600 00
Winchell	888 00	William H. Kent	576 00
Plummer	864 00	Concord-street	564 00
Benjamin Cushing	840 00	Lyceum Hall	564 00
Cyrus Alger	840 00	Hawes Hall and Simonds	552 00
Howe	840 00	School-street (Dor.)	552 00
Vernon-street	840 00	Sharp	552 00
Ticknor	804 00	Abby W. May	540 00
Appleton-street	780 00	Drake	540 00
Charles C. Perkins	780 00	Polk-street	540 00
Yeoman-street	768 00	Wait	516 00
Choate Burnham	756 00	B. F. Tweed	480 00
Andrews	720 00	Capen	480 00
Joshua Bates	720 00	Florence-street	480 00
Lucretia Crocker	720 00	Old Agassiz	480 00
Parkman	720 00	Phineas Bates	480 00
Roxbury-street	720 00	Rutland-street	480 00
Stephen M. Weld	720 00	Stoughton	480 00
Phillips-street (Rox.)	696 00	Walnut-street	480 00
Quincy-street (Rox.)	684 00	Aberdeen	480 00
Thetford-street	672 00	Old Dorchester High	444 00
Howard-avenue	660 00	Winship	444 00
Noble	660 00	Bunker Hill-street	432 00
Tappan	660 00	Common-street	420 00
Weston-street	624 00	Sumner-street (Dor.)	420 00
Atherton	600 00	Webster-place	420 00
Benjamin Pope	600 00	Bailey-street	408 00
Blackinton	600 00	George-street	408 00
Clinch	600 00	Medford-street	384 00

North Harvard-street	$384 00	Tuckerman	$324 00
Baldwin	372 00	Tyler-street	312 00
Old Mather	372 00	Amount required to pay janitors for fifty-one school buildings where the salary paid is $300, or less, per annum	11,124 00
Bartlett-street	360 00	Paid for extra services to date	125 75
Hillside	360 00		
Pormort	360 00		
Cook	348 00		
Mt. Vernon	348 00		
Poplar-street	336 00		
Williams	336 00		

Total for Primary Schools $57,641 75

Special and Evening Schools.

Horace Mann —		
1 Janitor	$780 00	
2 Janitors, at $300	600 00	
		$1,380 00
Manual Training Schools —		
Kenilworth street, 1 janitor	$600 00	
2 Janitors, at less than $300	290 00	
		890 00
Kindergartens —		
11 Janitors, $300 or less per annum		2,100 00
Evening Schools —		
Evening High, 1 door-keeper	$100 00	
Evening High, 1 janitor	660 00	
Evening Elementary and Branch High Schools, 14 janitors, less than $300 per annum	1,920 00	
		2,680 00
Evening Drawing Schools —		
5 Janitors, at less than $300 per annum		450 00
Total for Special and Evening Schools		$7,500 00
School Committee Rooms —		
1 Janitor	$1,548 00	
1 Janitor	840 00	
1 Janitor	300 00	
		$2,688 00

RECAPITULATION.

High Schools	$19,411 00
Grammar Schools	62,882 10
Primary Schools	57,641 75
Carried forward	$139,934 85

Brought forward	$139,934 85
Special and Evening Schools	7,500 00
School Committee Rooms	2,688 00
Estimate for additional buildings to be acquired, and temporary accommodations that may be needed during the year	3,377 15
Cleaning Company for washing floors in August, or in case the janitors are required to do this work, the amount that may be needed to increase salaries to correspond	2,500 00
Total for Janitors	$156,000 00

The report was accepted.

The Chair stated the question was on the reconsideration of the vote whereby the six items in the annual appropriation order, under the heading, "Salaries of Janitors," and aggregating $156,000, were passed at the meeting of February 28.

The vote was reconsidered.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of said items, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding

The Board refused to pass the items over the veto of the Mayor by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: None.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Berridge, Bowdlear, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood, Campbell, Coolidge, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, Nichols, and Strange — 22.

Absent: Messrs. Courtney and Fleischer.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the rules were suspended to permit the passage of the order appended to the report of the Committee on Accounts. (See pp. 126–130.)

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Berridge, Bowdlear, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood,

Campbell, Coolidge, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, Nichols, and Strange — 22.

Nays: None.

Absent: Messrs. Courtney and Fleischer.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Joseph P. Fleming the sum of twenty-seven and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($27.50) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Salem-street School, from January 1, 1899, to February 17, 1899. Payment to Joseph P. Fleming.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas W. Kenney the sum of thirty-six dollars ($36) for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall, from January 30, 1899, to March 31, 1899. Payment to Thomas W. Kenney.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Jane A. Daly the sum of ten dollars ($10) for extra services rendered as janitress of the Quincy Evening School during the term 1898–99. Payment to Jane A. Daly.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Michael J. Crowley the sum of thirty-two and $\frac{80}{100}$ dollars ($32.80) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Wells Evening School, during the term 1898–99. Payment to Michael J. Crowley.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Samuel P. Howard.

Ordered, That there be paid to Samuel P. Howard, the sum of eleven and $\frac{93}{100}$ dollars ($11.93) for extra services rendered an janitor of the Bigelow Evening School during the term 1898–99.

Laid over, under the rule.

Appointment of Instructor of Military Drill.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the appointment of an Instructor of Military Drill was taken up.

Mr. Strange presented the following-named candidates for the position: William L. Fox, Frank S. Wilson, Charles H. Brigham, Ernest R. Springer, John H. Dunn, Oliver D. Greene.

Mr. Calderwood raised the point of order that the question before the Board was on approving the appointment of P. Frank Packard, as Instructor of Military Drill, and that other candidates for the position could be considered only under a suspension of the rules.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Strange appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Board refused to sustain the decision of the Chair by a vote of 9 to 12.

Mr. Strange again nominated the candidates previously named by him, and subsequently presented the names of George H. Benyon and Richard Robins. Mr. Gallivan read testimonials in favor of John H. Dunn; Mr. McDonald presented the name of William H. Oakes, and Mr. Nichols the name of George F. H. Murray.

Ballot.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Board proceeded to ballot for Instructor of Military Drill.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Gallivan, Davison and Coolidge a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

The results of the ballots for Instructor of Military Drill from the first to the eleventh ballot, inclusive, were as follows:

	1st Ballot.	2d Ballot.	3d Ballot.	4th Ballot.	5th Ballot.	6th Ballot.	7th Ballot.	8th Ballot.	9th Ballot.	10th Ballot.	11th Ballot.
Whole number of votes	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	21
Necessary for a choice	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	14
George H. Benyon	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1		
Charles H. Brigham	1	1	1	....	1	1	....	..	1		
John H. Dunn	12	10	12	12	11	9	11	12	11	12	12
William L. Fox	...	....	....	1	1	....	....	1			
Oliver D. Greene	1	1	....	....	1	3	1	1			
George H. Murray	....	....	2	2							
William H. Oakes	....	....	....	1							
P. Frank Packard	5	4	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2
Ernest R. Springer	1	3	3	2	5	6	8	7	8	9	7
Frank S. Wilson	2	3	1	2	1	2					

There was no choice.

At the conclusion of the eleventh ballot Mr. Calderwood moved that the election of Instructor of Military Drill be laid over till the next meeting of the Board.

Lost.

Mr. Burrill doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered for the verification of the same.

Mr. Calderwood's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Burrill, Calderwood, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Merritt, and Nichols — 11.

Nays: Messrs. Berridge, Brett, Campbell, Coolidge, Gallivan, Huggan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, and Strange — 10.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Bowdlear, Courtney and Fleischer.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Salary of Elizabeth E. Hough.

Ordered, That Elizabeth E. Hough, assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from Nov. 2, 1898.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of Laura E. Richardson.

Ordered, That Laura E. Richardson, assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from Nov. 14, 1898.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Piano for Warren Grammar School.

Ordered, That the Warren Grammar School be supplied with a new piano, and the ancient piano now therein be transferred to the Boylston Chapel for the use of the district kindergarten.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, it was

New primary school-house, Warren District.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be requested to report what progress, if any, has been made towards erecting a new primary school-house in the Warren District, Charlestown; also whether there is any possibility of this school-house being ready for occupancy by next fall.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Salary of janitor of Public Latin School.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Public Latin School be fixed at the rate of one thousand nine hundred twenty dollars ($1,920) per annum.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of Mr. Bateman as member of Committee on First Division.

BOSTON, MASS., March 28, 1899.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN,

President of the Boston School Committee:

DEAR SIR,— I beg to hand you herewith my resignation as a member of the Committee on the First Division.

Yours very truly,

FRANK E. BATEMAN.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of Mr. Bateman as member of Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

BOSTON, MASS., March 28, 1899.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN,

President of the Boston School Committee:

DEAR SIR,—I herewith present my resignation as a member of the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

Yours truly,

FRANK E. BATEMAN.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of Mr. Brett as member of Committee on Eighth Division.

BOSTON, MASS., March 28, 1899.

HENRY D. HUGGAN, Esq.,

President School Committee:

DEAR SIR,—I hereby present my resignation as a member of the Committee on Eighth Division.

Respectfully,

JOHN A. BRETT.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of Mr. Bennett as member of Committee on Fifth Division.

March 28, 1899.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN,

President of the Boston School Committee:

I herewith present my resignation as a member of the Fifth Division Committee.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK S. BENNETT.

Accepted.

Appointments on committees.

The Chair appointed Mr. Bennett a member of the Committee on the Eighth Division, and Mr. Brett a member of the Committee on the Fifth Division.

Approved.

The Chair stated that other appointments to fill existing vacancies on committees would be made at a subsequent meeting.

The Superintendent presented the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
March 28, 1899.

To the School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

Communication from Superintendent; advisability of discontinuing Annual School Festival.

At its meeting in February, 1899, the Boston Masters' Association considered the question: "Ought the Annual School Festival to continue?" and after an hour's discussion the following vote was passed:

Voted, To recommend that the School Festival be omitted this year.

In communicating this action to the School Committee, as I was requested to do by the Masters' Association, I would respectfully suggest that this matter be referred to the Committee on the Annual Festival when that committee is appointed.

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Annual School Festival, when appointed.

The Superintendent presented the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
IN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
March 24, 1899.

To the School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

Communication from Superintendent; employment of male teachers in day schools, in evening schools. [See pp. 57, 58.]

The Board of Supervisors respectfulty submit their report on the following order, which was adopted by the School Committee on February 14, 1899:

"*Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to report the number of male teachers in the day schools who are also employed in the evening schools, other than drawing schools, stating the length of time such instructors have severally served in the evening schools; and that they also consider and report upon the following propositions:

1. "To what, if any, extent it is advisable to employ male teachers in the day schools as instructors in the evening schools.

2. "Whether or not it is advisable to limit the number of years during which a day school teacher may serve in the evening schools.

3. "Whether or not it is advisable, in reducing the number of instructors in the evening schools as the attendance of pupils decreases during the term, to give preference in continuance of employment to instructors not serving in the day schools."

They find that the number of teachers employed in the day schools of this city who are also employed in the evening schools, other than drawing schools, of this city is 21. They also find that such instructors have severally served in the evening schools as follows: One, one year; one, two years; three, three years; one, four years; three, five years; one, six years; two, seven years; two, eight years; one, nine years; two, ten years; one, eleven years; one, fourteen years; one, fifteen years; one, nineteen years. Having carefully considered the three propositions stated in the order, the Board of Supervisors have reached the following conclusions:

1. That it is advisable to employ sub-masters in the day schools as principals, and only as principals, of the evening elementary schools for a term not exceeding four years.

2. That it is advisable to employ without restriction in the evening schools male teachers in the day grammar schools who hold a rank below that of sub-master.

3. That it is advisable to employ day school male teachers of any rank except that of master in the evening high school to an extent not exceeding three evenings a week, and without limit as to number of years.

4. That it is not advisable to give preference in continuance of employment to instructors not serving in day schools, but that this matter should be left to the discretion of the principal of the school, subject to the approval of the Committee on Evening Schools, to be determined as the best interests of the school require.

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Chairman, Board of Supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. Aldrich presented the following petition:

Petition of J. P. C. Winship *et als.*, income under will of Ebenezer Smith, to be used for benefit of schools in Brighton.

BRIGHTON, March 25, 1899.

HENRY D. HUGGAN, Esq.

President of the Boston School Board:

DEAR SIR, — In a will made by Ebenezer Smith, dated September, 11, 1775, the following clause appears: "About 6¼ acres of Woodland in Newton for the use and benefit of the school in (Little) Cambridge, said wood to be distributed amongst such poor children belonging to said school, as my executors shall think proper. I also authorize and empower my executors (if they see cause) to sell said six acres and three-quarters of land and convert the proceeds thereof to the benefit of said children in the way and manner of procuring firewood as they shall think

proper, and after the decease of my executors, for the use and benefit of said children in general.''

Said land was in 1883 taxed for $1,000. It was sold the same year by the city of Boston.

We, citizens of Brighton, contend that the value of this land, or the interest thereon should be used specially for the schools of Brighton in the same, or similar way, that like bequests are used in other districts.

We further consider that, as the land was taxed in 1883 at $1,000, and the interest to date would be equal to another $1,000, there should be a transfer by the city of say $2,000 to the credit of the Brighton schools.

We, therefore, respectfully request that you claim from the city government the amount stated, or such sum as you think is rightfully due from the city, and arrange to have the income thereon used for the benefit of the Central School or the schools of Ward 25.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. C. WINSHIP,
(and eight others.)

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Brett, it was

Sanitary condition of Dudley School.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to investigate the sanitary condition of the Dudley Grammar School and to take such measures as may be necessary to improve the same.

Petition from Citizens' Trade Association of East Boston; new grammar school-house, Chapman District.

The Chair presented a petition from Joseph H. Barnes, Jr., as President of the Citizens' Trade Association of East Boston, relative to the condition and safety of the Chapman School-house, and asking that immediate steps be taken to provide suitable accommodations for the children in that section of the city.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Davison, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, April 11, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, with the exception of the head-master of the Brighton High School, which appointment required approval by ballot.

Appointments and confirmations laid over, approved.

The appointments and confirmations were approved.

The following order, laid over at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That L. M. Chase, master of the Dudley School, be permitted to allow the agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to address the pupils of that school some Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Address to be given pupils in Dudley School. [See p. 122.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That there be paid to Samuel P. Howard, the sum of eleven and $\frac{93}{100}$ dollars ($11.93) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Bigelow Evening School during the term 1898–99.

Payment to Samuel P. Howard. [See p. 132.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Payment to Michael J. Crowley. [See p. 131.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Michael J. Crowley, the sum of thirty-two and $\frac{80}{100}$ dollars ($32.80) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Wells Evening School, during the term 1898–99.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Payment to Jane A. Daly. [See p. 131.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Jane A. Daly, the sum of ten dollars ($10) for extra services rendered as janitress of the Quincy Evening School, during the term 1898–99.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting was read:

Payment to Thomas W. Kenney. [See p. 131.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas W. Kenney, the sum of thirty-six dollars ($36) for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall, from January 30, 1899, to March 31, 1899.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read;

Payment to Joseph P. Fleming. [See p. 131.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Joseph P. Fleming, the sum of twenty-seven and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($27.50) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Salem-street School, from January 1, 1899, to February 17, 1899.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Purchase of land between Washington and Kenilworth streets for school purposes. [See pp. 112, 120.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Louis Berenson, the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars ($5,500) as payment for 1,604 square feet of land between Washington street and Kenilworth street, at Roxbury, taken for school purposes (for an addition to the Dillaway School estate) by the city of Boston, January 9, 1897 (taking

recorded January 11, 1897), upon the said Berenson giving to the city a deed for said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That from the $65,000 appropriated March 24, 1896, for Robinson-street School-house, Field's Corner, Dorchester, out of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following transfer be made, being a part of an unexpended balance not required for the purpose for which it was originally appropriated:

Appropriation for Dillaway School-house lot enlargement. [See p. 120.]

Dillaway School-house lot, enlargement, $5,500.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of Frank G. Coburn & Co., for erecting a high-school building at Dorchester, in the sum of $459.29, for increase in weight of certain steel construction to meet the requirements of the building laws.

Execution of order of addition to contract of Frank G. Coburn & Co., for erecting High School-house, Dorchester. [See pp. 119, 120.]

Passed.

The following report, laid over at the last meeting, was read:

The Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — the appointment on probation of Samuel A. Johnson as sub-master in the Dudley District, report that, after having duly considered the matter, they recommend the appointment of Walter J. Phelan to that position.

Report of Committee on Seventh Division; appointment on probation of Samuel A. Johnson. [See pp. 16, 30, 87, 96, 112.]

Accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Strange moved that the Board proceed to the election of a sub-master in the Dudley District.

Mr. Anderson moved as an amendment that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on the Seventh Division, and the Superintendent, with the hope that they might designate as a candidate some sub-master in the service entitled to promotion.

Mr. Strange asked the ruling of the Chair on the vote necessary to pass the motion offered by Mr. Anderson.

The Chair ruled that a majority vote would be required.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the motion.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bennett, Bowdlear, Brett, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Fleischer, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Merritt — 13.

Nays: Messrs. Bateman, Berridge, Burrill, Campbell, Gallivan, Huggan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Nichols, and Strange — 11.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Regulations; diplomas and certificates of proficiency, Evening Drawing Schools. [See p. 122.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 183. Insert after the word "Board," in the fifth line of the third paragraph, the words "the Director of Drawing," so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

"Diplomas of graduation from all the schools shall be signed by the President of the Board and the Principal of the school, except that diplomas awarded to pupils in the Evening Drawing Schools shall be signed by the President of the Board, the Director of Drawing, and the Master of Evening Drawing Schools. The diplomas shall be presented at the graduating exercises by any member of the committee in charge, and, in their absence, by any other member of the Board, the Superintendent, a Supervisor, or the Principal."

SECTION 332. Strike out the words "and diplomas awarded to those pupils who, in the judgment of the master, have completed the course creditably," in the second, third, and fourth lines, so that the section shall read as follows:

"SECTION 332. A general exhibition shall be held at the close of the term. The date of the exhibition shall be determined by

the master, and announced in the schools not later than ten days prior to the close of the term."

Add the following section to the chapter:

"SECTION 333. The master shall award certificates of proficiency to those pupils at the close of the term who, in his judgment, have completed the course creditably. The certificates shall be signed by the Chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools, and by the master. A pupil satisfactorily completing the course of study shall be entitled to a diploma of graduation."

On motion of Mr. Anderson, Section 332 was amended by striking out the section and substituting in place thereof, the following:

"SECTION 332. An exhibition shall be held at the close of the term, the date of which shall be determined by the master, subject to the approval of the Committee on Evening Schools."

The order as amended passed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; sanitation of Dudley School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 30, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to close the Dudley Grammar School-house, Roxbury, until such time as said committee is prepared to complete the sanitary improvements recommended by the Board of Health. The Common Council believes that gross negligence has been manifested by delaying for several years the work which should have been done in this building, that the tax-payers of the district have the right to demand proper school accommodations for their children, and that it is inhuman to oblige teachers and pupils to expose themselves to loss of health merely to save a paltry sum to the City Treasury.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 30, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, April 1, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; sanitary condition of Frothingham School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 30, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to take the necessary steps to put the Frothingham School-house, Charlestown, in proper sanitary condition.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 30, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, April 1, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; portion of yard of Tileston School to be used for playground.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 6, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to lay out and construct as a park and playground, a portion of the yard of the Tileston School, Dorchester District, which is now not used for any purpose.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 6, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, April 7, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
BOSTON, April, 4, 1899.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; erection of new fire engine-house on portion of English High School lot.

To the Boston School Committee:

At the suggestion of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, I address you this letter to ask whether your Board will give permission to the city to erect a new fire engine-house, to take the place of the present one on Dartmouth street, on the portion of the English High School lot on the corner of Dartmouth street and Warren avenue. It is extremly difficult to find a suitable site at any sort of reasonable cost for this engine-house, and it would certainly be a great accommodation if authority could be obtained to place it upon this lot — and there seems to be sufficient room for it.

Yours very truly,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

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Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE REVOLUTION.
BOSTON, March 22, 1899.

Communica- from Massachusetts Society of Sons of Revolution; bronze tablet for Lawrence School.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Managers of the Massachusetts Society of Sons of the Revolution, respectfully petition your honorable body that permission be granted the Society to place a bronze tablet suitably inscribed upon the Lawrence School, South Boston, to commemorate the seizing of Nooks Hill by a detachment of the forces under the command of General Washington, March 16, 1776, which act led to the evacuation of Boston by the British troops on the following day, March 17.

For the Board of Managers,
FRANK HARRISON BRIGGS,
President.

HENRY DEXTER WARREN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on the Sixth Division.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the report presented by the Committee on Rules and Regulations at the last meeting, relative to proposed lectures in the Lyman

report on violation of rules; lectures in Lyman School. [See pp. 123–126.]

School Hall, by C. H. French, on "Cuba and the Maine," and "Klondike" (see Minutes, pp. 123–126), was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Anderson the report was amended by changing the last sentence on page 123, beginning "The master," to read as follows:

"The master of the school was to advertise this lecture by publicly announcing it in the school hall when the whole school should be assembled there; the pupils were to be told in effect that they were expected to do their best in disposing of the tickets as a matter of patriotic service to the school which was to share in the proceeds of the venture; thus each child was to be spurred to become an active and energetic selling agent."

Mr. Strange moved that the whole matter be referred to the Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to refer.

Mr. Strange's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Bowdlear, Davison, Huggan, Kenny, McDonald, Merritt and Strange — 8.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Berridge, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood, Campbell, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonough and Nichols — 15.

Absent or not voting: Mr. Courtney.

The report was accepted as amended.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations.

Hancock District. — Theresa E. Fraser, Margaret D. Mitchell, assistants, Primary School, March 1, 1899.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board,

certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

ON PROBATION.

Assistant to the Director of Drawing. — Estelle E. Potter, New London, Conn., from April 26, 1899. Teachers on probation.

Kindergartens.

Cottage Place School. — Clara G. Dennis, Boston, assistant, from March 27, 1899.

Greenwood Hall. — Mary A. Daly, Boston, assistant, from April 10, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Comins District. — Mary Bradford, assistant, Grammar School. Confirmation of teachers.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Agatha P. Razoux, assistant, Primary School.

Robert G. Shaw District. — Mary G. Hudson, assistant, Primary School.

Assistants to the Director of Drawing. — Margaret J. Patterson, Kate F. Pierce.

Instructor of Sewing. — Margaret T. McCormick.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth N. Smith, assistant, Primary School, from April 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Mary F. Murphy, Boston, substitute.

Lowell District. — Jane J. Wood, assistant, Primary School, from April 24, 1899, until July 1, 1899.

Mather District. — Florence E. Griffith, assistant, Primary School, from March 1, 1899, until May 1, 1899; Sarah Kallman, Boston, substitute.

Wells District. — Adelaide E. Badger, assistant, Grammar School, from April 10, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Margaret E. Quinn, Cambridge, substitute.

Mr. Aldrich for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

Appropriation for enlargement of Charlestown High School lot.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriation be made:

Charlestown High School lot, enlargement, $9,066.98.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Execution of contract for heating and ventilating East Boston High School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward in the sum of $19,700 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the East Boston High School-house.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on School Houses; execution of contract for furnishing new sanitary fixtures, Brighton High School. [See pp. 97, 98.]

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was recommitted — March 14 — an order authorizing the execution of a contract in the sum of $900 for improving the sanitary condition of the Brighton High School-house, with instructions to advertise for proposals for doing said work, reported that your committee have duly complied with the instructions of the Board, and they now recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with T. H. Duggan & Co., in the sum of $1,140 for installing new sanitary fixtures and otherwise improving the sanitation and ventilation of the Brighton High School-house, said firm being the lowest bidder.

Rules suspended.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the rules were suspended and the order passed.

Annual report of Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the annual report of that committee in print (School Document No. 2, 1899.)

Accepted.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the Messenger of the Board be fixed at the rate of three hundred dollars ($300) per annum, until otherwise ordered, to date from May 1, 1899.

Salary of Messenger of Board.

Laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the Board proceeded to the election of an Instructor of Military Drill.

Election of Instructor of Military Drill. [See pp. 132, 133.]

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the Superintendent read the testimonials of P. Frank Packard.

Mr. Calderwood presented the name of George O. Noyes, as a candidate for Instructor of Military Drill.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

Ballot.

The Chair appointed Mr. Kenny, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Bennett a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

The results of the ballots for Instructor of Military Drill, from the first to the seventeenth ballot, inclusive, were as follows:

	1st Ballot.	2d Ballot.	3d Ballot.	4th Ballot.	5th Ballot.	6th Ballot.	7th Ballot.	8th Ballot.	9th Ballot.	10th Ballot.	11th Ballot.	12th Ballot.	13th Ballot.	14th Ballot.	15th Ballot.	16th Ballot.	17th Ballot.
Whole number of votes	24	24	23	24	24	24	24	23	24	23	23	23	25	24	24	24	23
Necessary for a choice	16	16	15	16	16	16	16	15	16	15	15	15		16	16	16	15
George H. Benyon	..	1	4	2	1	11	9	10	5	2	3	7	Declared void.	14	15	15	17
Charles H. Brigham	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1						
John H. Dunn	11	12	12	12	10	9	11	8	8	8	9	9		7	3	6	3
William L. Fox	..	..	..	1	2												
Oliver D. Greene	2	2	..	4	5	2	1	3	8	9	10	7		3	..	1	
George F. H. Murray	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..		..	..	..	1
William H. Oakes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..		..	5	2	
P. Frank Packard	4	3	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1							
Richard Robins	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..						
Ernest R. Springer	3	4	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	..	..		..	1	..	1
Frank S. Wilson	2	2	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	1

At the conclusion of the eleventh ballot, Mr. Bateman moved that the election of Instructor of Military Drill be specially assigned to ten o'clock, P.M.

Lost.

On the seventeenth ballot, George H. Benyon, having received the necessary number of votes required under the law, was declared elected Instructor of Military Drill.

Election of head-master of Brighton High School. [See p. 119.]

Mr. Calderwood moved that the Board proceed to ballot for head-master of the Brighton High School.

Mr. Strange moved as an amendment that the appointment presented by the Superintendent for the position be recommitted to him, with instructions to report a candidate from among the masters of the Boston schools.

Mr. Calderwood raised the point of order that the motion offered by Mr. Strange could only be entertained, under a suspension of the rules.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Strange appealed from the decision of the Chair, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered.

The decision of the Chair was sustained by the foling vote.

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Fleischer, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Merritt — 13.

Nays: Messrs. Berridge, Brett, Campbell, Davison, Gallivan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Nichols, and Strange — 10.

Not voting: Mr. Huggan.

Mr. Calderwood's motion passed.

Mr. Gallivan presented the name of Augustus D. Small for the position of head-master of the Brighton High School.

The Chair ruled that the nomination made by Mr. Gallivan could only be considered under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallivan appealed from the decision of the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered on the appeal.

The decision of the Chair was not sustained by the following vote.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Fleischer, and Mrs. Keller — 11. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Berridge, Brett, Campbell, Coolidge, Davison, Gallivan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, Nichols, and Strange — 12.

Not voting: Mr. Huggan.

Mr. Davison presented the name of Albert S. Perkins as a candidate for the same position.

The Chair ruled that the foregoing nomination could be entertained only under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the rules were suspended in order to permit action on the name of any candidate presented. Rules suspended.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Merritt, Courtney, and Strange a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13; Albert S. Perkins had 1 vote; Augustus D. Small had 11 votes; and Frederic A. Tupper had 12 votes. Ballot.

There was no choice.

The Board proceeded to a second ballot.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13; Albert S. Perkins had 1 vote; Augustus D. Small had 10 votes; and Ballot.

Frederic A. Tupper had 13 votes, and was accordingly elected head-master of the Brighton High School.

The Chair presented the following petition:

Petition from C. H. Woodbury *et als.*, that Webster-avenue Primary School-house be named in honor of Col. Thomas Gardner.

To the School Committee of Boston:

We, the undersigned, residents of Ward 25, do hereby petition your honorable body that the name of Col. Thomas Gardner, a former resident of Allston, and a Revolutionary hero of historic fame, be given to the new Primary School-house on Webster avenue.

C. H. WOODBURY
(and ninety-nine others).

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

Petition from John Kearns *et als.*, for new Primary School-house on Thorndike and Reed streets.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The undersigned, heads of families, tax-payers, and residents of the district herein named, respectfully represent that there is need of a new Primary School in the district bounded by Washington, Northampton, Albany, and Eustis streets, said district having had a larger increase in the number of dwelling-houses erected than any other district in Boston during the past few years.

We further beg to call your attention to the fact that a suitable location for a new Primary School building can now be obtained at a low cost, and in a most desirable location, namely, the vacant lot at the corner of Thorndike and Reed streets, which is of sufficient size to permit the erection thereon of a first-class school building.

We would respectfully ask for a hearing upon this petition, that we may more fully set forth the needs of said district and the advantages of said location.

JOHN KEARNS
(and seven hundred and sixty-eight others).

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

Appointments on committees.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Keller a member of the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, and Mr. Merritt a member of the Committee on the First Division.

Approved.

The Chair appointed the following committee on the Annual School Festival:

Appointment of committee on Annual School Festival.

Charles Fleischer, Chairman; Messrs. Burrill, Kenny, Bennett, and McDonough.

Approved.

Mrs. Keller presented the following:

West Roxbury, Mass., Dec. 10, 1898.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

We, the undersigned, residents of the city of Boston, respectfully request the location of a Primary School in the vicinity of Central Station, Ward 23, West Roxbury. There are in this ward many children who cannot be accommodated with school privileges, and many others are inconvenienced by having to attend the Robert G. Shaw or Longfellow Schools, which are too distant for children in the vicinity of Central Station.

JULIEN C. HAYNES
(and one hundred and thirty-four others).

Petition from Julien C. Haynes *et als.*, for additional Primary School accommodations near Central Station, Ward 23.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, offered the following:

Date of graduating exercises of Horace Mann School.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Horace Mann School be held on Wednesday, June 21, 1899.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, it was

Ordered, That so much of the Superintendent's report as refers to military drill be referred to the Committee on High Schools for consideration and report.

Report of Superintendent relative to military drill.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That School-house court, Ward 4, leading from Charles street (a paved street), and used as a street of entry by pupils attending the Bunker Hill Grammar and Primary Schools, which court is more than twenty-five feet in width, be asphalted, in the interest of the health of the children and for the promotion of cleanliness.

School-house court, Ward 4, to be asphalted.

Referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, it was

Higher standard of scholarship for admittance to the Normal School; limiting number of pupils.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board, upon the orders and communications from the Superintendent, referred to them at various times, relating to a higher standard of scholarship for admission to the Boston Normal School, and limiting the number of pupils to be admitted to said school.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, it was

Separation of position of head-master of Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board, upon the order referred to them from the files of a previous year, relative to a separation of the position of head-master of the Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools.

Mr. McDonald offered the following:

Superintendent to report names of inefficient masters of Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That the Superintendent be requested to report to this Board the names of masters of the Grammar Schools, if any, whose removal would be for the best interest of the Boston public schools.

Recess.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the Board took a recess of five minutes.

The Board reassembled at 11.10 o'clock, P.M.

Mr. McDonough moved to amend the order offered by Mr. McDonald by striking out the words "if any," in the third line.

Lost by a vote of 6 to 8.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Bennett, it was

Sanitary condition of Heath-street Primary School.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses investigate the sanitary condition of the Heath-street Primary School, and adopt measures for bettering the condition and improving the sanitary arrangements in this school.

Mr. Bennett offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings investigate the congested condition of the accommodations in the Lowell School of Jamaica Plain, and report some plan for improving the same.

Overcrowded condition of Lowell School.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

On motion of Mr. Kenny, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, April 25, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at half-past 7 o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Calderwood, Fleischer, and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Nichols, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Appointments and confirmations laid over, approved.

The appointments and confirmations were approved.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the salary of the Messenger of the Board be fixed at the rate of three hundred dollars ($300) per annum, until otherwise ordered, to date from May 1, 1899.

Salary of Messenger of Board. [See p. 149.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward in the sum of $19,700, for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the East Boston High School-house.

Execution of contract for heating and ventilating East Boston High School. [See p. 148.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Appropriation for enlargement of Charlestown High School lot. [See p. 148.]

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriation be made:

Charlestown High School lot, enlargement, $9,066.98.

Passed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land on Bartlett, School and Pearl streets, for school purposes.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, April 14, 1899.

To the Honorable, the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of November 22, 1898, the Board of Street Commissioners have to-day taken, for school purposes, sixteen thousand square feet, more or less, of land bordering on Bartlett, School and Pearl streets, at Charlestown, and their degree of such taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Clerk calling attention to chapter 111 of Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts Legislature.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,
CITY OF BOSTON, CITY HALL, April 17, 1899.

Thornton D. Apollonio, Esq., Secretary School Committee:

MY DEAR SIR, — I would respectfully call your attention to chapter 111 of the Acts and Resolves of the Massachusetts Legislature, entitled "An Act to provide school registers and other school blanks for the towns and cities of the Commonwealth."

Respectfully,
J. M. GALVIN,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; fire-escapes to be furnished for Franklin School.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 13, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be ordered to furnish suitable fire-escapes for the Franklin School-house, Ward 9.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 13, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, April 14, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Edith M. Martine, assistant, Primary School, April 30, 1899.

John A. Andrew District. — Roxana L. Johnston, assistant, Primary School, April 30, 1899.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Adams District. — Helen DeS. Regan, Boston, from April 24, 1899.

Christopher Gibson District. — Isabel M. Horsford, Boston, from April 24, 1899.

Hancock District. — Anna M. T. Sheehan, Cambridge, from April 10, 1899.

Lowell District. — Mary G. Lyons, Boston, from April 27, 1899.

Mary Hemenway District. — Frances M. Campbell, Boston, from April 18, 1899.

Tileston District. — Mary G. Morton, Boston, from April 17, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Christopher Gibson District. — Corinna Barry, Boston assistant, Grammar School, from April 24, 1899.

Dudley District. — Edith E. Knowlton, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from March 16, 1899.

Placed on file.

Re-appointments of Temporary Teachers.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Albert W. Thayer, Somerville, junior-master, from May 9, 1899.

Christopher Gibson District. — Caroline W. Heckle, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from May 8, 1899.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Mary M. Hoye, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from May 2, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Margaret A. Page, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from May 1, 1899.

Hancock District. — Mary E. O'Hare, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from May 1, 1899.

B. F. Tweed Kindergarten. — Cora L. Pickering, Boston, assistant, from April 24, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Christopher Gibson District. — Katherine J. Daily, assistant, Primary School.

Eliot Dis rict. — Viola M. Allen, assistant, Primary School.

Everett District. — Minnie T. Kenny, assistant, Primary School.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Carrie M. Watson, first assistant, Primary School.

Mary Hemenway District. — Minnie A. Noyes, assistant, Grammar School.

Rice Training School. — Mabel I. Emerson, first assistant, Primary School.

Wells District. — Winifred H. Berry, Stella L. Cotton, assistants, Primary School.

Kindergartens.

Baldwin School. — Bessie H. Stark, assistant.

39 North Bennet street. — Ellen M. Murphy, principal, Annie E. Brigham, assistant.

Stoughton School. — E. Mabel Gibson, assistant.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Agassiz District. — Alice B. White, assistant, Grammar School, from May 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; James H. Gormley, Boston, substitute.

Bennett District. — Edith H. Jones, assistant, Grammar School, from May 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Helena D. Smith, Boston, substitute.

Bunker Hill District. — Annie B. Hunter, assistant, Primary School, from March 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Grace M. Broaders, Boston, substitute.

Dearborn District. — Louise D. Gage, assistant, Grammar School, from March 1, 1899, until May 1, 1899; Mary A. Lynch, Boston, substitute.

Franklin District. — Isabella M. Harmon, first assistant, Grammar School, from April 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Ethel M. Fales, Boston, substitute.

George Putnam District. — Mary A. Gove, assistant, Primary School, from May 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Dorothy A. O'Reilly, Dedham, substitute.

Lowell District. — Lillian G. Greene, assistant, Primary School, from May 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899.

Mary Hemenway District. — Margaret C. Schouler, assistant, Grammar School, from May 8, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Josephine Hammond, Boston, substitute. Mary Waterman, assistant, Primary School, from May 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899.

Prince District. — Mary Wilson, first assistant, Grammar School, from April 10, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Albert S. Briggs, Boston, substitute.

Kindergartens.

Andrews School. — Carolyn M. Fletcher, Boston, substitute for Adelaide B. Camp, principal, granted leave of absence.

Plummer School. — Helen J. Morris, assistant, from April 18, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Frances L. Peck, Boston, substitute.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, transfer, and recommendations for leaves of absence accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Dillaway District. — Georgiana F. Adams, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from April 13, 1899, until April 25, 1899, inclusive.

Tileston District. — Sarah B. Turner, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from April 10, 1899.

Rules suspended.

The employment of the teachers named was approved, under a suspension of the rule.

The report of the Superintendent, of the teachers appointed to these positions, was placed on file.

Re-appointments of Temporary Teachers.

Dudley District. — Leanora E. Taft, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from April 17, 1899.

Lewis District. — Blanche L. Bachelder, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from May 8, 1899.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

English High School. — Frank E. Poole, Boston, junior-master, from May 16, 1899.

Bunker Hill District. — Marcella C. Coyle, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from May 9, 1899.

Dearborn District. — Annie L. Coffey, Weymouth, assistant, Grammar School, from May 10, 1899.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Edwin I. Beal, Quincy, assistant, Grammar School, from May 9, 1899.

Quincy District. — Evelyn E. Kelley, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from May 9, 1899.

Washington Allston District. — Grace G. Johnson, Newton, assistant, Grammar School, from May 9, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

TRANSFER.

Lowell District. — Ellen Carver, assistant, Grammar School, to the same position in the Dillaway District, to date from April 26, 1899. Transfer of a teacher.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

George Putnam District. — Henry L. Clapp, master, from May 1, 1899, until November 1, 1899. Leave of absence to Henry L. Clapp.

Granted, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

English High School. — Robert E. Babson, head-master, from September 1, 1899, until September 1, 1900. Leave of absence to Robert E. Babson.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, it was

Architects selected for new school-houses.

Ordered, That the following-named architects be selected to prepare plans for new school-houses, as designated:

Whitman & Hood, new Primary School-house, Brighton.

Greenleaf & Cobb, new Grammar School-house, East Boston.

Cabot, Everett & Mead, new Grammar School-house, Dorchester.

Wilson & Webber, new Primary School-house, Roxbury.

Charles J. Bateman, new Grammar School-house, South Boston.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, it was

Surrender of Ingraham School to City Council.

Ordered, That the Ingraham School property on Sheafe street be surrendered to the City Council, the same being no longer required for school purposes, with the recommendation that said land and building be sold, and that the proceeds of such sale be applied to the cost of land to be taken for the enlargement of the Hancock School lot on Prince street.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land for enlargement of lot of Hancock School.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the Hancock School lot on Prince street, a parcel of land supposed to belong to the heirs of John Gourley, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the dividing line between the estates of the city of Boston and the heirs of John Gourley; said point being sixty-nine (69) feet distant from the southwesterly line of Prince street; thence running southwesterly on said division line about fifty-

five (55) feet to land owned by the heirs of Ebenezer Spencer; thence turning and running southeasterly by land of said Spencer about thirty-five and fifty-three one hundredths ($35\frac{53}{100}$) feet to land of Francisco and Mary Sesso; thence turning and running northeasterly by land of said Sesso about thirty and fifty-four one hundredths ($30\frac{54}{100}$) feet; thence turning and running northwesterly by land of said Sesso about seven and fifty one hundredths ($7\frac{50}{100}$) feet; thence turning again and running northeasterly by land of said Sesso about twenty-four (24) feet to a point which is sixty-nine (69) feet from Prince street, measured at right angles; thence turning and running again northwesterly by a line parallel with and sixty-nine (69) feet from the southwesterly line of Prince street, about thirty (30) feet to the point of beginning, containing about seventeen hundred and sixty-five (1,765) square feet.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; payment to W. S. Sampson & Son for extra work at Mary Hemenway School.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that they have lately had presented to them for payment a bill from W. S. Sampson & Son amounting to $137.50 for extra concreting at the Mary Hemenway School, in April, 1898, the correctness of which is certified by the architect of the building. Your committee have also been informed by the former chairman of the Committee on School Houses for the year 1897 that the work referred to was ordered by the committee during one of their visits to the building while it was in course of construction. A sufficient balance is available to cover the cost of the work referred to, and your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be authorized to approve the payment of $137.50 to W. S. Sampson & Son for extra concreting at the Mary Hemenway School.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; communication from His Honor the Mayor; erection of new fire engine-house on portion of English High School lot. [See p. 145].

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Apr. 11 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor requesting that permission be granted the city to erect a new fire engine-house, to take the place of the present one on Dartmouth street, on the vacant portion of the Public Latin and English High School lot on the corner of Dartmouth street and Warren avenue reported that they have duly considered the matter, and recognize the difficulty of finding a suitable site at a reasonable cost for the purpose, as stated by the Mayor. In their opinion, however, there are serious objections to the proposed plan. In the first place your committee do not believe that the close proximity of a fire engine-house to a school is desirable for several reasons, besides the liability of accident to the children in attendance, and the large number of pupils in the several schools in that immediate vicinity increases the element of danger to a marked degree. Furthermore it should not be forgotten that when the Latin-English High School-house was erected, plans were also prepared for an administration building for the School Committee on that portion of the lot in question, and the foundations for such a building are already laid. Under these circumstances your committee do not feel justified in assenting to the proposition under consideration, and therefore recommend that His Honor the Mayor be respectfully informed that it is inexpedient to permit the erection of a fire engine-house on the site referred to.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; additional school accommodations in Longfellow District.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that finding it necessary to provide additional accommodations in the Longfellow District, they have hired the basement of the Unitarian Church at Roslindale, which had been previously occupied for school purposes, until July 1, 1899, at a total rental of $100, which amount includes janitor service.

Accepted.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Mar. 14 — a petition from the Peter Faneuil Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, and — Apr. 11 — a petition from C. H. Woodbury and other residents of Ward 25, suggesting the name of Thomas Gardner as an appropriate one for the new Primary School-house on Webster avenue, reported that they have given the matter very careful consideration. The name of another former resident of that section has, however, been recommended for this school, the selection of which your committee feel would be eminently appropriate and pleasing to a large number of the citizens of Allston, who desire that the memory of Rev. Frederick A. Whitney should be thus preserved. Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on New Buildings; petitions relative to naming Webster-avenue Primary School-house. [See pp. 108, 109, 152.]

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house on Webster avenue, Brighton, be named the Frederick A. Whitney School, in honor of the late Frederick A. Whitney.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — from the files of last year — an order requesting that a statement be submitted showing to what extent the appropriation available for the support of the public schools would be exceeded under certain conditions, reported that the information called for at that time would seem to be unnecessary, in view of the fact that a later set of estimates for the financial year 1899–1900 were presented to and accepted by the School Board. Your committee, therefore, would recommend that no further action concerning the matter be taken.

Report of Committee on Accounts; appropriation for support of public schools.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 24 — a request from the Department of

Report of Committee on Accounts;

request from Department of Municipal Statistics; statistics relating to school buildings. [See pp. 14, 15.]

Municipal Statistics, asking the School Board to co-operate with them in collecting certain statistics relating to school buildings, reported that they have considered the matter and will, as far as possible, act with them in the work proposed. Your committee would further state that the appropriation order passed by the School Board sub-divided the items in the manner requested, and that they can probably furnish at the end of the financial year the cost incurred for each school building for services of janitors, fuel, gas and water, together with the cost of new buildings. The bills incurred for repairs and alterations of school buildings are contracted under the direction of the Committee on School Houses, by the Acting Superintendent of Public Buildings, who, if his attention is called to the matter, will doubtless arrange his accounts so as to furnish the desired information. Your committee would recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Department of Municipal Statistics be notified that the School Committee will, as far as possible, co-operate with them in the collecting of certain statistics relating to school buildings, as set forth in their communication dated Jan. 13, 1899.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Accounts; petition of J. P. C. Winship *et als.*; income under will of Ebenezer Smith, to be used for benefit of schools in Brighton. [See pp. 137, 138.]

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Mar. 25 — a petition from J. P. C. Winship and others, asking that the value of certain land in Newton, left by Ebenezer Smith in a will dated Sept. 11, 1775, for the use and benefit of the school in (Little) Cambridge be set aside for the use of the schools of Brighton, reported that they have made the proper inquiries and find that the aforesaid-mentioned land, consisting of 255,132 square feet, and situate on Boylston street, in Newton Highlands, was sold by the city of Boston, May 8, 1883, to Henry B. Goodnow. The proceeds of this sale, amounting to $585.52, were

credited by the city to the appropriation for salaries of instructors in the same year. In view of these facts, your committee are of the opinion that no further action is necessary, and they recommend that the petitioners be notified to this effect.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Davison, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the annual parade of the Boston School Cadets take place on Friday, May 12, 1899, and that the annual prize drills take place on May 24, 25, 26 and 29, 1899.

Date for annual parade and prize drills of Boston School Cadets.

Mr. Davison, for the same committee, who were requested — Apr. 11 — to report at the next meeting of the Board upon the order referred to them from the files of a previous year, relative to a separation of the position of head-master of the Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools, reported that pupils attending the Girls' Latin School are now accommodated in the Girls' High School-house on West Newton street as well as in the Copley square building. Your committee are therefore of the opinion that it is not advisable to make any change in the principalship of these two schools at the present time.

Report of Committee on High Schools; separation of positions of head-master of Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools. [See p. 154].

Accepted.

Mr. Bennett, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported the death of Emma E. Long, late assistant Grammar School, Dillaway District.

Death of Emma E. Long.

Accepted.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, to whom was referred — Apr. 11 — a petition from the Board of Managers of the Massachusetts Society of Sons of the Revolution, that they be granted permission to place a bronze tablet suitably inscribed upon the Lawrence School, South Boston, to commemorate

Report of Committee on Sixth Division; petition from Massachusetts Society of Sons of Revolution;

Bronze tablet for Lawrence School. [See p. 145].

the seizing of Nooks Hill by a detachment of the forces under the command of General Washington, March 16, 1776, which act led to the evacuation of Boston by the British troops on the following day, March 17, reported that your committee are heartily in favor of granting the desired permission. They believe that the interest displayed by the various patriotic societies in our public schools by this and similar gifts, commemorative of events in our national history of which we are justly proud, should be welcomed and encouraged. Such memorials serve not only to adorn our buildings but stimulate in the minds and hearts of the pupils that love of country and reverence for its history which tends to a higher and more loyal citizenship. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Board of Managers of the Massachusetts Society of Sons of the Revolution be granted permission to place a bronze tablet suitably inscribed upon the Lawrence School, South Boston, in accordance with their petition of March 22, 1899, and that the thanks of the Board be extended to them for their generous and patriotic gift.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Berridge offered the following:

Shower-baths to be placed in new school buildings.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be requested to take under consideration the expediency of introducing a system of shower-baths in such new buildings as they may deem advisable.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Paris Exposition, it was

Exhibition of Progress in Drawing in public schools.

Ordered, That an Exhibition of Progress in Drawing in the public schools be held under the auspices of the Committee on the Paris Exposition, in the Latin-English High School building, during the period between public week and the close of the school term.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Normal School, who were requested — Apr. 11 — to report at the next meeting of the Board upon certain matters relating to the Boston Normal School which they have under consideration, reported that they have not yet been able to give these matters the attention their importance demands, owing in part to the absence of the Chairman on account of illness. They therefore recommend that they be granted further time in which to prepare their report.

Report of Committee on Normal School; matters relating to Boston Normal School. [See p. 154.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Ordered, That Section 207 of the Regulations be amended by inserting the word "division" before the word "committee" in the third line.

Proposed amendment of Regulations; school buildings not to be used for other than school purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair read the following:

DORCHESTER WOMAN'S CLUB.

To the School Board of the City of Boston:

It was voted by the members of the Dorchester Woman's Club that — The Dorchester Woman's Club recommend to the School Board of the city of Boston that the same text-books be used by each pupil throughout his course, and that he receive the gift of the same when he leaves school, provided he completes his course, and that he be made responsible for their safe-keeping and condition while he is a pupil.

ANNIE F. FOLSOM,
Corresponding Secretary.

April twenty-fourth, ninety-nine.

Communication from Dorchester Woman's Club; text books used by pupils of public schools.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Bennett, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, May 9, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Huggan, McDonald, and Strange.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by Mrs. Emily A. Fifield, the senior member of the Board present.

Election of President *pro tem.*

The Chair stated the first business of the Board would be to elect a President *pro tem.*

Rules suspended; Emily A. Fifield elected President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the rules were suspended and the Secretary instructed to cast one ballot for Mrs. Emily A. Fifield as President *pro tem.*

The Secretary cast one ballot for Mrs. Emily A. Fifield, and she was accordingly declared elected President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Appointments and confirmations laid over, approved.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Mr. Coolidge offered the following:

Employment of teachers in excess of number allowed by rules.

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The appointments and confirmations were approved.

The following order laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Payment to W. S. Sampson & Son for extra work at Mary Hemenway School. [see p. 165.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be authorized to approve the payment of $137.50 to W. S. Sampson & Son for extra concreting at the Mary Hemenway School.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Naming new Primary School-house on Webster avenue, Brighton. [See page 167.]

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house on Webster avenue, Brighton, be named the Frederick A. Whitney School, in honor of the late Frederick A. Whitney.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the order was laid on the table.

Subsequently, on motion of Mrs. Keller, the order was taken from the table and recommitted to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT,
March 31, 1899.

Communication from Board of Estimate and Apportionment; appropriation for additional primary and grammar school accommodations.

Ordered, That the School Committee be authorized to expend, in providing additional primary and grammar-school accommodations, the following amounts, and the said amounts are hereby appropriated for the purposes specified; and that to meet said appropriations, the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the amount of four hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars ($475,000), viz.:

Grammar School-house, East Boston, (14-room building)	$95,000 00
Primary School-house site, Warren District, Charlestown, additional	10,000 00
Primary School-house, Roxbury (6-room building) .	40,000 00
Grammar School-house, South Boston (14-room building)	100,000 00
Primary School-house, Brighton (12-room building),	70,000 00
Carried forward	$315,000 00

Brought foward	$315,000 00
Grammar School-house, Dorchester (14-room building)	100,000 00
Primary School-house, Ward 20, site	5,000 00
Completing and furnishing school buildings, now in course of construction, exclusive of high schools .	55,000 00
	$475,000 00

Passed, and we certify that none of the appropriations above made are to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
JOHN H. SULLIVAN,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was submitted to the City Council, April 3, 1899, and was not altered by it, within the period of thirty days prescribed by law.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Chapman District. — Josephine FitzGerald, Boston, from May 1, 1899. Eliza M. Warren, Boston, from April 27, 1899.

Quincy District. — Bessie C. MacBrine, Boston, from April 25, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Cudworth School. — Hattie Browne, Boston, from May 1, 1899.

Plummer School. — Lida J. Hamilton, Boston, from April 24, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

REAPPOINTMENTS OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Normal School. — Mary L. Vining, Boston, assistant, from May 29, 1899.

Dudley District. — Edith E. Knowlton, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from May 16, 1899.

Schools of Cookery. — Jeannie B. Kenrick, Newton, instructor, from May 31, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Eliot District. — Mary E. Hughes, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from May 22, 1899.

Washington Allston District. — Grace G. Johnson, Newton, assistant, Primary School, from May 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles L. Reed, junior-master.

Bowdoin District. — Mary W. French, assistant, Grammar School.

Emerson District. — Grace H. Mareman, assistant, Primary School.

Gaston District. — Bessie J. Sanger, assistant, Grammar School.

Lowell District. — Mary E. Murphy, assistant, Primary School.

Warren District. — Ellen M. O'Connor, assistant, Grammar School.

Wells District. — Mary J. Jenkins, assistant, Primary School.

Kindergartens.

Abby W. May School. — Helen L. Holmes, assistant.

Cook School. — Isabella F. Wallace, assistant.

Dorchester-avenue School. — Mabel M. Winslow, principal.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Brighton High School. — Catharine L. Bigelow, Norwood, substitute for Eleanor J. O'Brien, teacher of physicial training, granted leave of absence.

Charlestown High School. — Elizabeth G. Dowd, assistant, from May 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Nellie I. Simpson, Boston, substitute. Abby M. Thompson, assistant, from April 10, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Sally Viles, Boston, substitute.

Roxbury High School. — Mary Hubbard, special teacher of physical culture, from May 18, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Edith T. Sears, Boston, substitute.

Bowditch District. — Lucy M. Bruhn, assistant, Grammar School, from May 27, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Anna K. Vackert, Boston, substitute.

Emerson District. — Charlotte G. Ray, assistant, Grammar School, from May 2, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Fannie M. Morris, Boston, substitute.

Everett District. — Evelyn E. Morse, assistant, Grammar School, from May 2, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Mary L. B. Reynolds, Boston, substitute.

Harvard District. — Olive J. Sawyer, assistant, Grammar School, from May 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Josephine E. Clark, Medford, substitute.

John A. Andrew District — Sarah E. Ferry, assistant, Primary School, from May 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Mary C. Gartland, Boston, substitute.

Lewis District. — Isabel Thacher, assistant, Primary School, from May 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Josephine P. Poole, Boston, substitute.

Lowell District. — Mary W. Howard, assistant, Grammar School, from May 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Helen F. Tarpey, Boston, substitute.

Quincy District. — Octavia C. Heard, assistant Primary School, from May 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Anna T. Nolan, Boston, substitute.

Rice Training School. — Charles F. Kimball, submaster, from May 7, 1899, until July 1, 1899; John A. Russell, Boston, substitute.

The Superintendent presented the following appointment and recommendation for leave of absence, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Temporary teacher.

Washington Allston District. — Mary A. Duston, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from May 1, 1899.

Rules suspended.

The employment of the teacher named was approved, under a suspension of the rule.

The report of the Superintendent, of the teacher appointed to this position, was placed on file.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Leave of absence to Emma J. Channell.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Emma J. Channell, assistant, Grammar School, from July 1, 1899, until July 1, 1900.

Rules suspended.

Granted, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

Execution of addition to contract of Mead, Mason & Co., for building East Boston High School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of Mead, Mason & Co., for erecting a high school building at East Boston, in the sum of $278.02, for extra digging and foundations.

Laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, it was

Committee on New Buildings authorized

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be authorized to advertise for proposals for selling to the

city a lot of land in Ward 20, Dorchester, containing about twenty thousand (20,000) square feet, for a site for a new Primary School-house, within the territory bounded approximately by the New England Railroad, Washington street, Bowdoin street, Adams street, Dorchester avenue, Centre street and Talbot avenue, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897; and said committee are hereby authorized to give a hearing as provided for by said act, and make a report thereon to this Board.

to advertise for site for new Primary School-house in Dorchester.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year, an order relative to the insertion of a clause in school-house contracts requiring the contractors to pay all persons connected with the several trades employed upon the work not less than the union scale of wages established in such trades, reported that they have carefully considered the matter, and they now recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on New Buildings; school-house contracts to contain clause requiring contractors to pay not less than prevailing scale of wages, and to observe standard hours of labor.

Ordered, That a clause be inserted in future school-house contracts requiring contractors to pay the men employed on such work not less than the prevailing scale of wages, and to also observe the standard hours of labor established in the several trades.

Mr. Bateman moved that the report and order be laid on the table.

Lost.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the order was divided, the question being taken on that part of the order requiring contractors to pay not less than the prevailing scale of wages.

Passed.

The question came on that portion of the order, requiring observance of the standard hours of labor established in the several trades.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage thereof.

The aforesaid part of the order passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bennett, Berridge, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood, Campbell, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonough, Merritt, and Nichols — 19.

Nays: Mr. Bateman — 1.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Bowdlear, Huggan, McDonald, and Strange.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Payment to Hartvig Nissen.

Ordered, That there be paid to Hartvig Nissen, assistant to the Director of Physical Training, the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) for extra services performed by him during the past year.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools offered the following:

Special public day Mechanic Arts High School.

Ordered, That a session of the Mechanic Arts High School be held on Saturday, May 27, as a special public day, and that the school be closed on the following Monday, May 29.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Employment of special assistants, Mechanic Arts High School.

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment for the school year 1899–1900, of not more than four graduates of the Mechanic Arts High School, the salary of each graduate employed not to exceed two dollars ($2) per day of actual service, as special assistants in the mechanical department of that school; these special assistants to be in place of one additional instructor, to which said school is entitled under the rules.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the June admission examinations to the Latin Schools be held this year on Saturday, June 10, and that applicants for admission to the High Schools be examined on Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10.

Dates of admission examinations to Latin and High Schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, reported that they find it impracticable to hold a prize drill on May 29, and therefore recommend that the order passed April 25, fixing the dates of the annual parade and prize drills be rescinded, and the following order passed in place thereof:

Report of Committee on High Schools; date for annual parade and prize drills of Boston School Cadets.

Ordered, That the annual parade of the Boston School Cadets take place on Friday, May 12, 1899, and that the annual prize drills take place on May 23, 24, 25, and 26, 1899.

The report was accepted, the order referred to therein passed at the last meeting [see Minutes, page 169] rescinded, and the order appended to the report of the committee passed.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to employ a laboratory assistant in the Mechanic Arts High School from Sept. 5, 1899, until otherwise ordered; and that the Committee on Salaries be requested to establish the salary for the position, at the rate of five hundred dollars ($500) per annum.

Employment of laboratory assistant in Mechanic Arts High School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Apr. 25 — a communication from the Superintendent relative to a leave of absence for the head-master of the English High School from Sept. 1, 1899, until Sept. 1, 1900, reported that

Report of Committee on High Schools; leave of absence granted Robert E. Babson. [See p. 163.]

your committee have carefully considered the matter, and are of the opinion that said leave of absence should be granted. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That leave of absence on half pay, from Sept. 1, 1899, until Sept. 1, 1900, be granted to Robert E. Babson, head-master of the English High School.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Elizabeth E. Hough and of Laura E. Richardson. [See p. 134.]

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom were referred — Mar. 28 — two orders that Elizabeth E. Hough and Laura E. Richardson, assistants in the Girls' High School, be placed upon advanced years of service in their rank, reported that after careful consideration they are satisfied that these teachers have suffered a relative injustice by the operation of the salary schedule adopted in 1896, in that teachers of less experience will reach the maximum salary of their rank in a shorter space of time than will the teachers named. The Board has corrected, by special action, during 1897 and 1898, similar instances of injustice to teachers of the same rank in other schools, and your committee believe that similar consideration should be given in these two cases, and therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Elizabeth E. Hough, assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from Nov. 2, 1898; and that Laura E. Richardson, assistant in the same school, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from Nov. 14, 1898.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to John Murphy, Jr.

Ordered, That there be paid to John Murphy, Jr., the sum of twenty dollars ($20), for extra services rendered as janitor of the Girls' High School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the matron of the Paul Revere School be fixed at the rate of five hundred forty dollars ($540) per annum, to date from April 1, 1899.

Salary of matron of Paul Revere School

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Marion A. Hawes, assistant in the Brighton High School, the sum of two hundred thirty-two $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($232.50), in addition to her regular salary, for extra services rendered in that school during the vacancy in the position of head-master.

Payment to Marion A. Hawes.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Juliette R. Hayward, first assistant in the Gaston School, the sum of five hundred dollars ($500), in addition to her regular salary, for extra services rendered in that school during the absence of the master.

Payment to Juliette R. Hayward.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Eliza M. Evert, first assistant in the Everett School, the sum of three hundred dollars ($300), in addition to her regular salary, for extra services rendered in that school during the absence of the master.

Payment to Eliza M. Evert.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Leonora E. Taft, temporary assistant, Grammar School, in the Dudley District, be paid at the rate of $4 for each day of actual service in that school since Feb. 15, 1899.

Payment to Leonora E. Taft.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to John S. Krebs.

Ordered, That there be paid to John S. Krebs the sum of sixteen and $\frac{10}{100}$ dollars ($16.10) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Franklin Evening School during the term 1898–99.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to John H. Crafts.

Ordered, That there be paid to John H. Crafts the sum of five dollars ($5) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Plummer School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Thomas Buckner.

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas Buckner the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25) for extra services rendered as janitor of the John A. Andrew School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of Margaret Cunningham.

Ordered, That Margaret Cunningham, assistant in the Dorchester High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 24, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Spanish language to be added to list of foreign languages to be studied in High Schools.

Ordered, That the course of study for High Schools be amended by adding the Spanish language to the list of foreign languages which may be taught and studied in the High Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Courses of Study and Text Books.

JANITORS.

Report of Committee on School Houses; resignation of janitor of Franklin School.

Mr. Berridge, for the Committee on School Houses, reported the following resignation:

Franklin School. — John S. Krebs, from April 30, 1899.

Accepted.

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, reported the death of Henry Randolph, late janitor of the Wait and Savin Hill Schools, and of Samuel P. Howard, late janitor of the Bigelow School.

Report of Committee on School Houses; death of Henry Randolph and Samuel P. Howard.

Accepted.

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, reported for the approval of the Board, the following appointment:

Report of Committee on School Houses; appointment of janitress, Savin Hill School.

Savin Hill School. — Laura Reed, janitress, from May 1, 1899.

Accepted, and the appointment approved.

Mr. Berridge offered the following:

Salary of Rose A. Carrigan.

Ordered, That the salary of Rose A. Carrigan, assistant instructor of music be increased twenty dollars ($20) per month, beginning Jan. 1, 1899.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Davison offered the following:

Use of yards and basements granted Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association.

The School Committee has appropriated the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000) for expenses connected with the opening of certain school-house yards during the summer vacation, and for continuing the work which has been carried on to a limited extent for quite a number of years at private expense, by the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association.

This association is desirous of supervising the work during the present year as they thoroughly understand the best methods of administration, provided that it is decided to inaugurate out-of-doors vacation schools in different sections of the city, and the following order is therefore offered:

Ordered, That in order to carry on the vacation work the present year, for which the School Board appropriated the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000) there be granted the use of such yards and basements of school-houses, as, in the opinion of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, may be needed.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Annual School Festival; discontinuance of Festival; date of Festival; graduates of Normal, High and Latin Schools to be excused from attending Festival. [See p. 136.]

Mr. Fleischer, for the Committee on the Annual School Festival, to whom was referred — Mar. 28 — a communication from the Superintendent transmitting a recommendation from the Boston Masters' Association that the Festival be omitted this year, reported that they have given a hearing on the subject and have very carefully considered the views expressed by their associates and by masters of the schools who were present. Your committee are unanimously of the opinion that the Festival should be continued, subject, however, to certain modifications, which have been suggested, the adoption of which they believe will remove the more serious objections raised, and result in rendering the Festival an event of greater interest to the graduates of our schools and to their parents and friends. Your committee recommend the passage of the following orders:

[1.] *Ordered*, That the Annual School Festival be held on Saturday, July 1, 1899.

[2.] *Ordered*, That the graduates of the Normal, Latin and High Schools be excused from attending the Annual School Festival this year.

Accepted.

Order No. 1 passed.

Order No. 2 passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended. Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; abolishing of Division Committees. [See p. 27.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations to whom was referred — Jan. 24 — an order requesting them to report such changes in the Rules as will result in abolishing Division Committees, reported that they have given the matter careful consideration, and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to recommend the change suggested in the order referred. Your committee therefore recommend that no further action be taken on the matter.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations, amendment of Regulations, relative to use of school buildings for other purposes than regular work of schools. [See p. 171.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Apr. 25 — an order that section 207 of the Regulations, which provides that no school building or part of a school building shall be used for other purposes than the work of the school, unless the consent of the committee in charge shall have been first obtained, be amended by inserting the word "division" before the word "committee," reported that in their judgment it is inexpedient to make the change suggested. The term "committee in charge" is defined in the rules as follows: "Applied in a general sense to the Committee on the Normal School, the Committee on High Schools, a Division Committee, or to any other committee in charge of one or more schools." To insert the word "division" in this section would result in restricting and narrowing the operation of the section, and thus raise a doubt whether the committees on the High, Normal and Horace Mann Schools have the same control over the use of those schools that the Division Committees possess with regard to the schools in the grammar districts. Three years ago a proposition was made to amend this same rule by substituting the Committee on School Houses for the committee in charge, but after full discussion the Board declined, at the meeting of June 9, 1896, to take from the hands of the Division Committees the power in this direction that had always been exercised by them. Thus there seems to be no possible ground in the history of legislation on this matter upon which to base a doubt of the meaning of the term "committee in charge," and your committee therefore recommend that no change be made in the rule as it now stands.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of Rules; selection of architects for new school-houses.

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

SECTION 36. Add the following to paragraph 4 of the section: "Such nominations of architects shall be laid over for two weeks before being acted upon by the Board," so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

"4. Shall nominate to the Board an architect or architects to design plans and supervise the construction of buildings to be erected, or upon which additions are to be made; but the services of the School-house Agent shall, so far as practicable, be availed of in such work. Such nominations of architects shall be laid over for two weeks, before being acted upon by the Board."

Passed to a second reading.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Nichols, the rules were suspended, the order read twice, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of Rules; Secretary to retain Board papers.

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows: Chapter VI. Add the following section:

SECTION 91. He shall retain in his possession all papers upon which action has been taken by the Board at any meeting, until the right to file a notice of reconsideration has expired, and if such notice is filed, shall retain the papers relating thereto until after the following meeting of the Board.

Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of Rules; ballots to be furnished by Secretary and to be of uniform size and appearace.

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows: Chapter II. Add the following section:

SECTION 30. In all elections by ballot, the ballots used, upon which the names of the candidates may be either written or printed, shall be furnished by the Secretary, and shall be of uniform size and appearance.

Passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; date of reopening schools in September.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom were referred from the files of last year, an order that the Regulations be amended so as to provide for the reopening of the schools after the summer vacation on

the second Wednesday in September, and a communication from the City Council requesting the School Committee to consider the expediency of extending that vacation until the 15th of September in each year, reported that they are not in favor of decreasing the length of the present school year, and such action with regard to the High Schools would clearly be illegal, as chapter 496 of the Acts of 1898 provides that such schools shall be kept forty weeks at least, exclusive of vacations in each year. Your committee therefore recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed that in the judgment of the School Committee it is inexpedient to extend the length of the summer vacation in the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Davison, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Davison, for the Committee on the Ninth Division it was

Board of Election Commissioners requested to remove voting booth in yard of Adams-street Primary School.

Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners be requested to remove the temporary voting booth now in the yard of the Adams-street Primary School entirely, or else to place it in an inconspicuous position on the rear of the same lot.

Mr. Davison offered the following:

Suspension of afternoon sessions of Grammar and Primary Schools on May 12, 1899.

Ordered, That the afternoon sessions of the Grammar and Primary Schools be suspended on Friday, May 12, 1899, the day of the annual parade of the Boston School Cadets.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

President to petition General Court for an appropriation for additional Grammar and Primary School accommodations. [See p. 20].

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the order authorizing the President to petition the General Court for an appropriation for additional Grammar and Primary School accommodations (see Minutes, page 20) was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

President to petition General Court for an appropriation for additional

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the order authorizing the President to petition the General Court for an appropriation for additional Normal School accommodations

Normal School accommodations. [See p. 22].

(see Minutes, page 22) was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Speeches of invited guests at Annual School Festival.

Ordered, That the Committee on Annual School Festival be instructed to limit the speeches of the invited guests to five minutes at most, and that the Chairman of that committee shall act in the capacity of presiding officer, and merely introduce the speakers.

Mr. Bateman's motion to refer the foregoing order to the Committee on Annual School Festival was lost by a vote of 8 to 10.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the order was laid on the table.

Mr. Bennett presented the following:

Board of Estimate and Apportionment requested to apportion $25,000 to relieve crowded condition of Lowell District.

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment have signified their intention of making an appropriation for the use of the School Committee of $500,000, and *whereas*, but $475,000 have been apportioned up to the present time, and the Lowell School District in Jamaica Plain is in such a congested condition that immediate relief is imperatively demanded, now therefore it is

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to apportion the remaining sum of $25,000 for the relief of said school of Ward 22.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of the resolution.

Lost.

Mr. Bennett doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered for the verification of the same.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Berridge, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonough and Nichols — 12.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Campbell, Coolidge, Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Merritt — 6.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Bowdlear, Davison, Fleischer, Huggan, McDonald, and Strange.

Mr. Anderson moved to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing resolution was declared adopted, hoping his motion would not prevail.

Lost.

Mrs. Keller presented the following:

Petition from George W. Yeaton *et als.*, naming of new Primary School-house, Webster avenue, Brighton.

PETER FANEUIL CHAPTER,
BRIGHTON AND ALLSTON.

To the School Committee:

We, the undersigned, respectfully petition your honorable body, that the new school building on Webster avenue be named the Thomas Gardner School.

As Colonel Gardner was the only prominent man from our district to give his life in defence of our rights, and the fact that the school will stand upon ground formerly a part of his farm, we think it particularly appropriate that the school bear his name. Other names proposed belong to a later period in the history of Allston, why not let them wait until some later date for commemoration?

GEORGE W. YEATON
(and fifty others).

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

Mr. Merritt presented the following:

Petition from Clara May Ripley *et als.*, for one session of Christopher Gibson School during winter.

To the Chairman of the Committee of the Dorchester Schools:

Owing to the short time between sessions, and the long distance many pupils have to go, we, the undersigned, parents of children attending the Christopher Gibson School, respectfully request that during the winter the schools hold but one session a day.

CLARA MAY RIPLEY
(and one hundred and eighty-five others).

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, May 15, 1899.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half past twelve o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Bateman, Calderwood, Fleischer, McDonald, and Strange.

The Chair read the following:

Boston Public Schools,
Mason Street, May 12, 1899.

To the Members of the School Committee:

I hereby call a special meeting of the School Committee on May the 15th, at 12.30 o'clock P.M.

H. D. HUGGAN,
President.

Communication from President of School Committee calling special meeting of the Board.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Merritt, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Mayor's Office, City Hall,
Boston, May 12, 1899.

To the School Committee:

On behalf of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment I have to acknowledge the receipt of the resolutions passed by your Committee on May 9th, and I enclose a copy of the vote relating to the matter as passed by the Board of Apportionment. After the passage of this vote, it was further voted that futher consideration of the matter be laid upon the table, pending further action by the School Committee.

Respectfully,
JOSIAH QUINCY,
Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

[Enc.]

Communication from Board of Estimate and Apportionment; resolutions of School Committee requesting $25,000 for relief of Lowell District.

Voted, That the attention of the School Committee be called to the fact that the resolution passed by the said committee on May 9th, requesting that the amount of $25,000, remaining from proposed appropriation of $500,000, be appropriated for the "relief" of the Lowell School-house, Ward 22, is inconsistent with the appropriations already made by this Board, on the recommendation of the School Committee, in that it makes no provision for sites for buildings for which $140,000 has been appropriated, and that it is also inconsistent with the communication received by this Board on April 27, 1899, from the Committee on New Buildings, requesting that $10,000 of said amount be appropriated for a site for the proposed new grammar school-house in the Tileston District, Dorchester, and that the remaining $15,000 be appropriated for a site for the proposed new primary building in the Sherwin District, Roxbury.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, laid on the table.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, CITY HALL,

May 11, 1899.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land in rear of Prince street for school purposes.

In accordance with the request contained in your order of April 25, 1899, the Board of Street Commissioners have to-day taken, for school purposes, seventeen hundred and eighty-one square feet of land in the rear of Prince street, and their decree of such taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds. This taking is for an addition to the Hancock School estate.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 8, 1899.

Communication from Board of Aldermen;

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to inform this Board, at its next meeting, how many school-rooms are used at present in the Chapman District, and also how many rooms

will be available in the school buildings in the district after the completion of the proposed Chapman School.

school accommodations in Chapman District.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,

Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, May 11, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to adopt a regulation providing that the date for reopening, after the summer vacation, all the high, grammar, primary and kindergarten schools of the city of Boston shall be the first Tuesday after the second Monday of September in each year.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; date of reopening school after summer vacation.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, May 11, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY,

President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, May 12, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,

Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair read the following:

MAYOR'S OFFICE CITY HALL,

BOSTON, May 11, 1899.

To the Boston School Committee:

I regret to feel obliged to return herewith without my approval the order authorizing the Committee on New Buildings to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward in the sum of $19,700 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the East Boston High School. I find that the original advertisment, under which bids for this work were invited, referred only to plans and specifications prepared by the architect, but that the form of proposal furnished bidders had appended to it a statement authorizing the bidder to furnish, in place of the architect's specifications, "such other specifications and plans as will furnish

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; installation of heating and ventilating system in East Boston High School.

the heating and ventilation required." Under this clause, nine contractors presented their own plans and specifications, with bids ranging from $14,347 to $20,300, while four bidders made their bids, ranging from $20,000 to $28,975, on the architect's plans and specifications. The contract presented to me for approval is with Lynch & Woodward, upon their bid of $19,700 upon plans and specifications prepared at their order.

It is perfectly obvious that there can be no real competition between contractors whose bids are based upon different sets of plans and specifications, and, as the committee undertook to have competition by advertising for bids, I assume there can be no reason for awarding this contract otherwise than upon a competitive basis. I have no fault to find with the plans and specifications upon which the contract was awarded by the committee, and I am advised by the Consulting Architect that they are entirely satisfactory; but it seems to me that it would establish an unfortunate and embarrassing precedent if I approved the award of a contract where competition was in form invited, through advertisements for bids, but was in fact made impossible through allowing bidders to furnish their own plans and specifications. I can see no reason why satisfactory plans and specifications could not have been prepared in this case upon the order of the committee, so that all bidders could have been placed upon a footing of equality by compelling them all to bid upon the same basis.

I regret to delay this work through withholding my approval from the enclosed contract, but it seems to me that the principle involved is too important to make it proper for me to take any other course.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

City of Boston.

In School Committee, April 11, 1899.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward in the sum of $19,700 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the East Boston High School-house.

Laid over, under the rule.

April 25, 1899. Passed.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, laid on the table.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Courtney, the foregoing communication was taken from the table, and placed on file.

The Chair presented two communications from the Board of Health relating to the condition of the Germantown and Harbor View-street Primary Schools.

Communications from Board of Health; condition of Germantown and Harbor View-street Primary Schools.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Rachel S. Thorndike *et als.*, requesting use of certain school-houses as vacation schools.

We, the undersigned, citizens of Boston, respectfully petition the Honorable School Committee for the use of the school buildings designated below for vacation school purposes during July and August, 1899, with the express agreement that the buildings and plant shall be returned in the same condition in which they were found, that janitors shall be fully compensated, and that from no cause shall there be any expense to the city.

Subject to these conditions, we respectfully request the use of the Mechanic Arts High School and the Perkins School (Prince Primary).

RACHEL SHERMAN THORNDIKE
(and ten others).

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, referred to the Joint Committee on High Schools and Fourth Division.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; installation of heating and ventilating plant, East Boston High School.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, reported that in their judgment it is necessary that the Board should take immediate action with regard to the contract for heating and ventilating the new East Boston High School-house, inasmuch as His Honor the Mayor has declined to approve the order passed at the meeting of April 25 awarding this contract to Lynch & Woodward, in the sum of $19,700, for reasons which are fully set forth in a communication from him which has been received by the Board. Any extended delay in the settlement of this matter will result in a large additional expense, which can be avoided by prompt action on the part of the Board. Your committee, after conference with the Corporation Counsel, and receiving an assurance that the proposed course will be approved by the Mayor, recommend the purchase of the plans

and specifications for heating and ventilating this building prepared by the S. Homer Woodbridge Company, upon which the bid of Lynch & Woodward was based; that competitive bids thereon be obtained at the earliest possible date; and that this committee be authorized to expend a limited amount at once for the purchase of such parts of the heating apparatus as are now required to prevent further delay in the construction of the building, thereby reducing in a corresponding amount the estimated cost of the remainder of the heating and ventilating system. To carry out these recommendations, your committee recommend the passage of the following orders:

(1) *Ordered*, That the Committee on New Buildings be authorized to purchase the plans and specifications for heating and ventilating the new East Boston High School-house, prepared by the S. Homer Woodbridge Company, for the sum of $700.

(2) *Ordered*, That the Committee on New Buildings be authorized to expend an amount not exceeding $1,000 for the purchase of such parts of a heating and ventilating apparatus as are required for immediate installation in the new East Boston High School-house, to prevent delay in the construction of the building.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the orders passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Bennett offered the following:

Order requesting Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate $25,000 for "relief" of Lowell District, rescinded.

Ordered, That the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Board, requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate the sum of $25,000 for the "relief" of the Lowell School-house, Ward 22, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

Mr. Anderson moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost, by a vote of 7 to 10.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Berridge, Campbell, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Gallivan, Huggan, Kenny, McDonough, and Merritt — 11. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bennett, Bowdlear, Brett, Burrill, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Nichols — 8.

Absent: Messrs. Bateman, Calderwood, Fleischer, McDonald, and Strange — 5.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, May 23, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mr. Aldrich.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Appointments and confirmations laid over approved.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last regular meeting.

The appointments and confirmations were approved.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last regular meeting, was read:

Salary of Margaret Cunningham. [See p. 184.]

Ordered, That Margaret Cunningham, assistant in the Dorchester High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 24, 1898.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last regular meeting, was read:

Payment to Thomas Buckner. [See p. 184.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas Buckner the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25) for extra services rendered as janitor of the John A. Andrew School.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last regular meeting, was read:

Payment to John H. Crafts. [See p. 184.]

Ordered, That there be paid to John H. Crafts the sum of five dollars ($5) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Plummer School.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last regular meeting, was read:

Payment to John S. Krebs. [See p. 184.]

Ordered, That there be paid to John S. Krebs the sum of sixteen and $\frac{10}{100}$ dollars ($16.10) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Franklin Evening School during the term 1898–99.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last regular meeting, was read:

Payment to Leanora E. Taft. [See p. 183.]

Ordered, That Leanora E. Taft, temporary assistant, Grammar School, in the Dudley District, be paid at the rate of $4 for each day of actual service in that school since Feb. 15, 1899.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the following was substituted for the foregoing order, and passed.

Ordered, That there be paid to Leanora E. Taft, temporary assistant, Grammar School, in the Dudley District, the sum of two dollars ($2) for each day of actual service in that school since Feb. 15, 1899, in addition to her regular salary, for extra services performed during the vacancy in the position of sub-master in said school.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last regular meeting, was read:

Payment to Eliza M. Evert. [See p. 183.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Eliza M. Evert, first assistant in the Everett School, the sum of three hundred dollars ($300), in addition to her regular salary, for extra services rendered in that school during the absence of the master.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last regular meeting, was read:

Payment to Juliette R. Hayward. [See p. 183.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Juliette R. Hayward, first assistant in the Gaston School, the sum of five hundred dollars ($500), in addition to her regular salary for extra services rendered in that school during the absence of the master.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last regular meeting, was read:

Ordered, That there be paid to Marion A. Hawes, assistant in the Brighton High School, the sum of two hundred and thirty-two and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($232.50), in addition to her regular salary, for extra services rendered in that school during the vacancy in the position of head-master.

Payment to Marion A. Hawes. [See p. 183.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last regular meeting, was read:

Ordered, That there be paid to John Murphy, Jr., the sum of twenty dollars ($20) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Girls' High School.

Payment to John Murphy, Jr. [See p 182.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last regular meeting, was read:

Ordered, That Elizabeth E. Hough, assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from Nov. 2, 1898; and that Laura E. Richardson, assistant in the same school, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from Nov. 14, 1898.

Salary of Elizabeth E. Hough and of Laura E. Richardson. [See pp. 134, 182.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last regular meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to employ a laboratory assistant in the Mechanic Arts High School from Sept. 5, 1899, until otherwise ordered; and that the Committee on Salaries be requested to establish the salary for the position at the rate of five hundred dollars ($500) per annum.

Employment of laboratory assistant in Mechanic Arts High School. [See p. 181.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last regular meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of Mead, Mason & Co., for

Execution of addition to contract of Mead, Mason & Co., for

building East Boston High School-house. [See p. 178.]

erecting a high school building at East Boston, in the sum of $278.02 for extra digging and foundations.

Passed.

Amendment of rules; ballots to be furnished by Secretary and to be of uniform size and appearance. [See p. 188.]

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

Chapter II. Add the following section:

SECTION 30. In all elections by ballot, the ballots used, upon which the names of the candidates may be either written or printed, shall be furnished by the Secretary, and shall be of uniform size and appearance.

Passed.

Amendment of rules; Secretary to retain Board papers. [See p. 188.]

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

Chapter VI. Add the following section:

SECTION 91. He shall retain in his possession all papers upon which action has been taken by the Board at any meeting, until the right to file a notice of reconsideration has expired, and if such notice is filed, shall retain the papers relating thereto until after the following meeting of the Board.

Passed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Department of School Administration of the National Association for School Boards; convention of School Boards to be held July 13 and 14.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SCHOOL BOARDS.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
May 18, 1899,

To the Board of Education, Boston, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN, — The members of your honorable body, or such delegates as you may elect, are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the School Administration Department of the National Educational Association (Fourth Annual Convention of School Boards of the United States), to be held at Los Angeles, Cal., July 13 and 14. The most important topics affecting the management of practical school affairs will be treated, and a general discussion between representatives from all parts of the country will be held.

Reduced hotel rates at Los Angeles have been arranged for. The railroads have granted a rate of one fare for the round trip from all parts of the United States. Delegates will be assigned to quarters upon arrival in Los Angeles.

Where Boards of Education or School Committees cannot attend in a body, it is desirable to send as many delegates as possible.

It is hoped that your Board will take favorable action at an early date. Kindly instruct your Secretary to advise us of your action in this matter.

Yours respectfully,

WM. GEO. BRUCE,
Secretary.

Convention will be held at Los Angeles, Cal., July 13 and 14, 1899.

Placed on file.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Dearborn District. — Mary C. Harrington, Boston, from May 12, 1899.

John A. Andrew District. — Martha F. Titus, Boston, from May 16, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Andrews School. — Sara C. Bullard, Boston, from May 9, 1899.

Common-street School. — Adah M. Hasbrook, Newton, from May 18, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

John A. Andrew District. — Annie C. O'Reilly, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from May 1, 1899.

Lyman District. — Sarah Kallman, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from May 11, 1899.

Placed on file.

Reappointments of Temporary Teachers.

Christopher Gibson District. — Florence E. Marshall, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from June 13, 1899.

Dudley District. — Leanora E. Taft, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from June 19, 1899.

Laid over under the rule.

ON PROBATION.

Kindergartens.

Teachers on probation.

Howe School. — Anna M. Mullins, Cambridge, assistant, from May 16, 1899.

Tappan School. — Grace G. Kendall, Boston, assistant, from May 18, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Frothingham District. — Mary A. Quirk, assistant, Grammar School.

Longfellow District. — Lydia W. Jones, assistant, Primary School.

Roxbury-street Kindergarten. — Sarah H. Williams, principal.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Adams District.—Jane A. Soutter, assistant, Primary School, from May 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Emily Frazer, Boston, substitute.

Dudley District.—Ella M. Seaverns, assistant, Primary School, from May 8, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Harriet E. Ells, Boston, substitute.

Edward Everett District.—Fannie Frizzell, assistant, Primary School, from April 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Minnie E. Sutherland, Boston, substitute.

John A. Andrew District. — Mary A. Jenkins, first assistant, Primary School, from May 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Anna M. Zbrosky, Boston, substitute.

Lewis District. — Grace M. Clark, assistant, Grammar School, from May 1, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Marion L. Owen, substitute. Caroline F. Seaver, assistant, Primary School, from May 8, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Nellie L. Knight, Boston, substitute.

Unity Chapel Kindergarten. — Susan M. Mayhew, assistant, from May 15, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Annie L. McCarty, Boston, substitute.

The Superintendent presented the following appointment, accompanied by a written statement of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

REAPPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Tileston District. — Sarah B. Turner, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from June 12, 1899. Temporary teacher.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred — May 15 — a communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting information with regard to the number of school rooms used at present in the Chapman District, and also how many rooms will be available in the school buildings in the district after the completion of the proposed Chapman School-house, reported that at the present time twenty-five rooms are occupied for school purposes in this district, of which twenty-three are in buildings owned by the city. On the completion of the new grammar building there will be twenty-two regular school rooms, not taking into account any disposition that may be made of the two-room wooden building now situated on the Chapman lot. The new building is to contain fourteen rooms, or one more room than the present structure; Report of Committee on New Buildings; communication from Board of Aldermen; school accommodations, Chapman District. [See p. 195].

but the plans are being drawn with a view to a future addition of two rooms, should the necessary funds for the purpose be provided at a later date.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, offered the following:

Execution of addition to contract of James Fagan, for building addition to Mechanic Arts High School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Fagan for addition to and alteration of the Mechanic Arts High School-house, in the net sum of $245.15 for new conductors in the forge shop, taking down old brick flue in the coal room, refacing the brickwork, building partition to separate furnace coal from smithing coal, and building door to coal room, which amount includes a net deduction of $54.27 for other miscellaneous changes.

Laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, it was

Committee on New Buildings to advertise for site for new Normal School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be authorized to advertise for proposals for selling to the city a lot of land containing about thirty-five thousand (35,000) square feet, for a site for a new Normal School-house, within the territory bounded approximately by the Fenway, Boylston, Dartmouth, Washington, and Ruggles streets.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; selection of architect for new Primary School-house, Warren District; progress on erection of building. [See pp. 26, 134.]

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, who were requested — Jan. 24 — to report the name of an architect for the proposed new Primary School-house in the Warren District, Charlestown; and — Mar. 28 — to report what progress has been made towards the erection of this building, and whether there is any possibility of its being ready for occupancy by next fall, reported that they have selected, and now present for the approval of the Board, the name of an architect for

this building, and propose to proceed in the matter as rapidly as possible; but it will not be practicable to complete the building by next fall. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That James Mulcahy, architect, be selected to prepare plans for the new Primary School-house, Warren District, Charlestown.

Mr. Bateman moved that the report and order be referred to the Committee on the Second Division, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Bateman's motion to refer was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, McDonough, and Nichols — 7.

Nays: Messrs. Bennett, Berridge, Bowdlear, Brett, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald, Merritt, and Strange — 14.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Aldrich, Calderwood, and Campbell.

The report was accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, offered the following:

Selection of architect for new Normal School-house.

Ordered, That Harrison H. Atwood, architect, be selected to prepare plans for the new Normal School-house.

Mr. Burrill moved that the order be recommitted to the Committee on New Buildings with instructions to bring in the name of another architect for this building.

Mr. Strange moved that the whole matter be specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board at 9 o'clock P.M.

Pending further consideration, Mr. Coolidge presented the following minority report, signed by himself:

Minority report of Committee on New Buildings; selection of architect for new Normal School-house.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on New Buildings, dissents from the views of the committee with regard to the selection of an architect for the new Normal School, and recommends the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Stickney & Austin, architects, be selected to prepare plans for the new Normal School-house.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that it was not competent for the Board to select an architect for a new Normal School, inasmuch as it had not yet voted to undertake the construction of such a building.

The Chair ruled that as the Legislature had provided the necessary funds for the purpose, the point of order was not well taken.

Mr. Anderson appealed from the decision of the Chair, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Chair was sustained by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Berridge, Bowdlear, Campbell, Courtney, Davison, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald, McDonough and Merritt — 11.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Brett, Burrill, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Nichols — 9.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Aldrich, Calderwood, Huggan, and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the previous question was ordered, and came on specially assigning the whole matter to the next meeting of the Board.

Lost.

The question came on Mr. Burrill's motion to recommit.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, the yeas and nays were ordered.

On motion of Mr. Nichols, the question was divided, and the first part of Mr. Burrill's motion, viz.: that the order be recommitted to the Committee on New Buildings, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Berridge, Bowdlear, Brett, Burrill, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs, Fleischer, Gallivan, McDonald, Nichols and Strange — 13.

Nays: Messrs. Bennett, Calderwood, Campbell, Courtney, Davison, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonough and Merritt — 10.

Absent: Mr. Aldrich.

Mr. Burrill, by consent of the Board, withdrew the second part of his motion, viz.: that the Committee on New Buildings be instructed to bring in the name of another architect for the building in question.

Report of Committee on School Houses; fire escapes for Franklin School. [See pp. 158, 159.]

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Apr. 25 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from the Common Council, asking that suitable fire escapes be furnished the Franklin School house, reported that fire escapes are already provided from the second story of the building, and that a double staircase from the upper stories runs down to that point. Your committee recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that no additional fire escapes are needed for this building at present.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported the following transfer:

JANITOR.

Report of Committee on School Houses; transfer of janitor of Wells School to Franklin School.

Wells School. — Michael J. Crowley, to the same position in the Franklin School, to date from June 1, 1899.

Accepted, and the transfer approved.

Report of Committee on School Houses; portion of yard of Tileston School to be used for playground. [See p. 144.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Apr. 11 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that the School Committee lay out and construct as a park and playground, a portion of the yard of the Tileston School, Dorchester District, which is now not used for any purpose, reported that in the opinion of your committee this matter is one that should be considered by the committee in charge, rather than by the Committee on School Houses. They therefore recommend its reference to the Committee on the Ninth Division.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to H. S. Dudley for cleaning and heating the Denison House Kindergarten.

Ordered, That there be paid to H. S. Dudley for the Denison House Association, the sum of sixteen dollars ($16) for cleaning and heating the Denison House Kindergaten from Feb. 27, 1899, to May 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Appointment of School-house Agent.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported the following-named candidate for the position of School-house Agent:

Horace B. Fisher.

Mr. Anderson moved that the report and nomination be laid on the table.

Lost, by a vote of 10 to 12.

Mr. Burrill raised the point of order that it was not within the jurisdiction of the Committee on School Houses to report the name of a candidate for the position of School-house Agent.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Strange moved that the Board proceed to ballot for School-house Agent.

Mr. Anderson offered the following substitute order:

Ordered, That the committee on School Houses, the Committee on New Buildings, and the Committee on Salaries, in joint session, report to this Board a proper salary for the position of School-house Agent.

Salary of School-house Agent.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, it was

Ordered, That a special committee of five be appointed to make all necessary arrangements for a reception to be tendered Admiral Dewey by the school children of Boston, during his visit to this city.

Special Committee for reception to Admiral Dewey.

Subsequently, the Chair announced the following committee:

Mr. Gallivan, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. McDonough, Courtney and Kenny.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That the use of the Tyler-street School-house and the wood-working room in the Pierpont School-house, Hudson street, be granted to the Denison House Association for vacation schools, from July 6, 1899, to Aug. 17, 1899, the same to be without expense to the city.

Use of Tyler-street School-house and wood-working room, Pierpont School-house, for vacation schools.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following:

Ordered, That the amount paid by John Dunn, of Cambridge, Mass., for tuition from Jan. 1, 1899, to Feb. 1, 1899, of Annie C. Dunn, a non-resident pupil in the Normal School, viz.: eight and $\frac{32}{100}$ dollars ($8.32) be abated; said pupil having left the school Jan. 1, 1899.

Abatement of tuition of Annie C. Dunn.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary due Henry Randolph deceased.

Ordered, That the salary due Henry Randolph, deceased, late janitor of the Savin Hill and Wait Schools, be paid to his mother, Sarah Randolph.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following:

Date of graduating exercises of Normal School.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Normal School be held on Saturday, June 24, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Caroline D. Aborn.

Ordered, That there be paid to Caroline D. Aborn, principal of the Training School Kindergarten, the sum of two hundred and forty dollars ($240) for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Use of Hyde and Dwight School-houses granted for vacation schools.

Ordered, That the use of the Hyde and Dwight Schools be granted to Mary M. Kehew for vacation school purposes during the ensuing summer, the same to be without expense to the city.

Order authorizing execution of contract for heating and ventilating East Boston High School-house, rescinded. [See p. 157.]

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the order passed at the meeting of April 25, authorizing the Committee on New Buildings to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward, in the sum of $19,700 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the East Boston High School-house (see Minutes page 157) was rescinded.

Communication from Board of Estimate and Apportionment; resolutions of School Committee requesting $25,000 for relief of Lowell District. [See pp. 193, 194.]

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing copy of a vote passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment relative to an appropriation of $25,000 for additional school accommodations (see Minutes pages 193–194) was taken from the table and placed on file.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report the necessary amendments to the Regulations to provide for the appointment of women sub-masters in girls' schools.

Appointment of women sub-masters in girls' schools.

Mrs. Keller presented a petition signed by thirty-six residents of Roslindale for the establishment of a kindergarten in the Longfellow District.

Petition from residents of Roslindale for Kindergarten in Longfellow District.

Referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Joint Committee on High Schools and Fourth Division, to whom was referred — May 15 — a petition from Rachel Sherman Thorndike *et als.*, asking permission to use for vacation school purposes, during July and August, the Mechanic Arts High and Charles C. Perkins Primary School-houses, reported that the use of the Mechanic Arts High School for such purposes during July and August would seriously interfere with the alterations and additions now in progress, and on which work will be hastened during the summer months. Your committee learn that the use of the Charles C. Perkins School is not desired, unless that of the Mechanic Arts High School is also granted. A hearing has been given the petitioners, who fully understand the situation, and your committee recommend that they be granted leave to withdraw.

Report of joint committee on High Schools and Fourth Division; use of Mechanic Arts High and Charles C. Perkins school-houses for vacation school purposes. [See p. 197.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That the use of the King-street School-house be granted to Carleton Hunneman for a vacation school during the months of July and August; the same to be without expense to the city.

Use of King-street Primary School-house, as a vacation school.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Date of graduating exercises of Brighton, Charlestown, Dorchester, and Roxbury High Schools.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the following-named schools be held on the dates specified:

Brighton High School, June 22; Charlestown High School, June 23; Dorchester High School, June 23; Roxbury High School, June 23, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Supplies; petition from Dorchester Woman's Club; text-books used by pupils of public schools. [See p. 171.]

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — Apr. 25 — a petition from the Dorchester Woman's Club, recommending to the School Board of the city of Boston that the same text-books be used by each pupil throughout his course, and that he receive the gift of the same when he leaves school, provided he completes his course and that he be made responsible for their safe keeping and condition while he is a pupil, reported that the text-books are furnished to pupils under a law of the Commonwealth, which states that the School Committee of every city and town shall purchase at the expense of such city or town, text-books and other school supplies used in the public schools; said text-books and supplies to be loaned to the pupils in the public schools free of charge, subject to such rules and regulations as the School Committee may prescribe.

The free text-book law of 1884 herein quoted, provides for the loaning only, of books to pupils, and however desirable it might be in many cases to allow pupils to retain the books having been used by them, there is no law giving School Committees the power to approve such action, and authority, therefor, must come through legislative action.

With these statements, your committee would recommend that no further action on the petition by this Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Supplies;

Mr. Davison, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 24 — an order that this committee,

when inviting proposals for coal to be furnished for school buildings, shall specify definitely the kind and quality of coal for which bids will be considered, including among other requirements that it shall come from one or more specified mines or localities, that its constituent parts and efficiency shall be at least equal to a certain standard, and that its conformity thereto shall be determined by tests made by an expert to be appointed by said committee, reported that the Committee on Supplies have carefully considered the whole matter, and they would state that, in the proposals for coal issued by them, the request is made for the best quality of hard white ash broken, egg, and stove coal, thoroughly screened and dried, and that contractors are obliged to give the name of the particular mine or mines from which they propose to furnish the coal. In the opinion of this committee it would not be desirable to make specifications more in detail, as they are reliably informed that they already secure the best quality of coal in the Boston market of the kind contracted for, and that to have the coal shipped expressly for the schools might add to the cost without resulting in a corresponding benefit.

Coal furnished for school buildings. [See p. 23.]

For the reasons above stated, the Committee on Supplies deem it inexpedient to issue proposals in accordance with the terms of the order referred to them Jan. 24, 1899.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Davison, the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations relative to an extension of the summer vacation (see Minutes, pages 188, 189) was taken from the table.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations on extension of summer vacation. [See pp. 188, 189.]

The report was accepted by a vote of 9 to 4.

Mr. Davison moved that the public schools reopen after the summer vacation on the second Wednesday in September, in each year.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, the matter was specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 13, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. Fleischer.

On motion of Mr. Brett, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Mr. Merritt offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of an additional teacher in excess of the number allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Employment of teacher in excess of number allowed by rules.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The appointments and confirmations were approved.

Appointments and confirmations laid over, approved.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Fagan for addition to and alteration of the Mechanic Arts High School-house, in the net sum of $245.15 for new conductors in the forge shop, taking down old brick flue in the coal room, refacing the brickwork, building partition to separate furnace coal from smithing coal, and building door to coal room, which amount includes a net deduction of $54.27 for other miscellaneous changes.

Execution of addition to contract of James Fagan for building addition to Mechanic Arts High School-house. [See p. 208.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Abatement of tuition of Annie C. Dunn. [See p. 213.]

Ordered, That the amount paid by John Dunn, of Cambridge, Mass., for tuition from Jan. 1, 1899, to Feb. 1, 1899, of Annie C. Dunn, a non-resident pupil in the Normal School, viz.: eight and $\frac{32}{100}$ dollars ($8.32) be abated; said pupil having left the school Jan. 1, 1899.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Selection of architect for new Primary School-house, Warren District. [See p. 209.]

Ordered, That James Mulcahy, architect, be selected to prepare plans for the new Primary School-house, Warren District, Charlestown.

Mr. Bennett moved that the order be referred to the Committee on the Second Division.

The motion was declared lost.

Mr. Bennett doubted the vote, and before the result was definitely ascertained, Mr. Berridge raised the point of order that Mr. Bennett's motion could not be entertained unless the Board rescinded the vote passed at the meeting of May 23, by which it refused to refer the matter to the Committee on the Second Division.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Bateman moved to amend the aforesaid order by substituting the name of Daniel H. Woodbury for the name of James Mulcahy, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered. Mr. Bateman's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Nichols — 10.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Berridge, Brett, Campbell, Coolidge, Courtney, Gallivan, Huggan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, and Strange — 13.

Absent: Mr. Fleischer.

The order passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That there be paid to H. S. Dudley for the Denison House Association, the sum of sixteen dollars ($16) for cleaning and heating the Denison House Kindergarten from Feb. 27, 1899, to May 1, 1899.

Payment to H. S. Dudley for cleaning and heating the Denison House Kindergarten. [See p. 212.]

Passed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Clerk of Committees; use of school-houses for Fourth of July entertainments.

CITY OF BOSTON.
CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL, June 8, 1899.

Thornton D. Apollonio, Esq., Secretary School Committee:

DEAR SIR, — For the children's entertainments on July Fourth next the use of the following school-houses will be required, viz.:

Emerson, Blackinton, Frothingham, Hancock, Eliot, Wells, Phillips, Quincy, Franklin, Rice, Lawrence, Lincoln, Andrew, Sherwin, Hyde, Martin, Comins, Lowell, O'Brien, Roxbury High, Shaw, Minot, Harris, Tileston, Pierce, and the High School Drill Hall for dancing.

I would like very much to have assurance by to-morrow that we can have the use of these schools, so I can go ahead with the printing. Will you kindly make arrangements with the Committee on School Houses, if possible, and have the necessary instructions given for the opening of the buildings on July Fourth, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

JOHN F. DEVER,
Clerk of Committees.

P.S. — Some of these schools may not be required, and if so I will notify you later.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from City Council; improvement of Thetford-avenue School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, May 18, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to make the necessary improvements on the yard and walks of the Thetford-avenue School in Dorchester, also improve sanitary condition.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 22.

Concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, May 23, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations.

Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools. — Ruth B. Whittemore, special teacher of Physical Training, Sept. 1, 1899.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Sarah H. Hosmer, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1899.

Longfellow District. — Rachel U. Cornwell, assistant, Grammar School; Winifred Williams, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1899.

Rice Training School. — Julia H. Neil, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1899.

Tileston District. — Mabel W. Chandler, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 7, 1899.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations, and transfers for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools. — Edith T. Sears, Boston, special teacher of Physical Training, from Sept. 5, 1899.

Longfellow District. — Hattie L. Littlefield, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, third year, from Sept. 5, 1899.

Tileston District. — Ruth C. Higbee, Boston, assistant, Primary School, third year, from Sept. 7, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

English High School. — William T. Strong, master.

Bennett District. — Julia M. Talbot, assistant, Grammar School.

Wells District. — Mabel M. Anderson, assistant, Grammar School.

Schools of Cookery. — Alice L. Manning, instructor.

Yeoman-street Kindergarten. — Frances S. Tufts, assistant.

Laid over, under the rule.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Longfellow District. — Emma Burrows, assistant, Grammar School, to the position of assistant, Primary School, in the same district, to date from Sept. 1, 1899.

Roger Clap District. — Myra E. Wilson, assistant, Grammar School, to the same position in the Hugh O'Brien District, to date from Sept. 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence to teachers, substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board.

Dillaway District. — Helen C. Mills, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 1, 1899, until Jan. 1, 1900; M. Edith Cole, Watertown, substitute.

John A. Andrew District.— Alice T. Cornish, assistant, Grammar School, from May 22, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Mary F Keyes, Boston, substitute.

Phillips District.— Henrietta L. Dwyer, assistant, Grammar School, from May 19, 1899, until July 1, 1899; Mary E. Doyle, Boston, substitute.

Charles C. Perkins Kindergarten. — Maude P. Marshall, assistant, from May 22, 1899, until July 1, 1899.

The Superintendent presented the following recommendation for leave of absence accompanied by a written statement of the reason for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

Roxbury High School.— Mabel F. Wheaton, assistant, from Sept. 1, 1899, until Oct. 15, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Granted, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, on half-pay, and their resignations were accepted to take effect Aug. 31, 1900.

Agassiz District. — Emma M. Smith, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 1, 1899, until Aug. 31, 1900.

Winthrop District. — Caroline S. Crozier, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 1, 1899, until Aug. 31, 1900.

REAPPOINTMENTS OF INSTRUCTORS.

Report of Superintendent; reappointment of principals of schools, Director of Drawing, Instructor of Military Drill, Armorer, and special teachers.

The Superintendent presented for the approval of the Board the following reappointments of instructors, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee:

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles W. Parmenter, Head-Master.

Bigelow District. — J. Gardner Bassett, Master.

Lowell District. — Edward P. Sherburne, Master.

Minot District. — F. Morton King, Master.

Prescott District. — William H. Furber, Master.

For the term ending Aug. 31, 1900:

Brighton High School. — Frederic A. Tupper, Head-Master.

Charles Sumner District. — Loea P. Howard, Master.

Martin District. — Augustine L. Rafter, Master.

Director of Drawing. — James Frederick Hopkins.

Instructor of Military Drill. — George H. Benyon.

Armorer. — Charles H. Reardon.

Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools. — *Teacher of Physical Training and Reading*, M. Eloise Talbot.

Brighton High School. — *Teacher of Physical Training*, Eleanor J. O'Brien.

Roxbury High School. — *Teacher of Physical Culture*, Mary Hubbard.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Superintendent; reappointments of subordinate teachers.

The Superintendent presented for the approval of the Board a list of reappointments of the subordinate teachers of the several Normal, Latin, High, Grammar, Primary, and Kindergarten Schools, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending Aug 31, 1900, said reappointments to date from Sept. 1, 1899. (See School Document No. 6, 1899.)

Laid over, under the rule.

Appointments of Principals of Evening Schools.

The Superintendent presented, for the approval of the Board, the following appointments of Principals of Evening Schools for the term 1899–1900, said appointments to date from Sept. 25, 1899:

Evening High School. — Fred A. Fernald, Head-Master.

Bigelow School. — John D. Philbrick.

Comins School. — John E. Butler.

Dearborn School. — John S. Richardson.

Eliot School. — Walter Mooers.
Franklin School. — Gustavus F. Guild.
Lincoln School. — Robert E. Burke.
Lyman School. — Henry H. Folsom.
Mather School. — Orris L. Beverage.
Quincy School. — Alanson H. Mayers.
Warren School. — Joel C. Bolan.
Washington Allston School. — George E. Murphy.
Wells School. — Charles E. Harris.

Laid over, under the rule.

The Superintendent presented the following communication:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
June 13, 1899.

To the School Committee:

Report of Superintendent; removal of masters of Grammar Schools. [See p. 154.]

On April 11, 1899, the School Board passed the following vote: "*Ordered*, That the Superintendent be requested to report to this Board the names of masters of the Grammar Schools, if any, whose removal would be for the best interest of the Boston public schools."

After careful consideration of this matter relatively to the grammar masters now in the service of the city, I have concluded that the good of the schools does not require the removal of any master at the present time.

The removal of a master by public action is a grave matter, and one which ought not even to be suggested publicly, except for strong reasons. A master guilty of crime or of discreditable behavior might properly be proceeded against at once, and publicly. But such cases are rare, and can be dealt with singly as they arise.

In all other cases public removal, or public mention for that purpose, is a last resort to be adopted only when other measures have failed. If, for example, a master is growing old and feeble, his friends can be relied on usually to suggest to him that the time has come for him to hand in his resignation. Or an informal suggestion to the same end made by officials in a proper way would seldom go unheeded. Even if it were necessary to proceed in a formal and official manner, it certainly would be best that the initial steps should take place privately, and that the master whose retirement was desired should be given an opportunity to offer his resignation without being publicly asked for it.

Publicity in relation to such matters is to be avoided for the very good reason that a teacher's professional standing and reputation ought not to be impaired unnecessarily.

Supposing then that there are masters whose retirement from the service might be desirable now, or at an early day, it would certainly be premature, and it might be unjust, to publish their names to the world at the present time. For there is no doubt whatever that resignations would be offered in response to proper suggestion in all cases.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, laid on the table.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; new Primary School-house, Thorndike and Reed streets. [See p. 152.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred — Apr. 11 — a petition from John Kearns *et als.*, relative to the need of a new Primary School in the district bounded by Washington, Northampton, Albany, and Eustis streets, recommending the purchase of a suitable site at the corner of Thorndike and Reed streets, and requesting that a hearing be granted upon this petition, reported that your committee do not question the need of additional school accommodations in this section of the city, and feel that they are familiar with the situation therein, which has been brought to their attention several times within the past few years. No funds are available for expenditure in this direction at the present time, but your committee will gladly recommend favorable action on the matter as soon as an appropriation for the purpose can be obtained.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; new Primary School-house, Thorndike and Reed streets, Ward 17. [See p. 114.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee to whom was referred — Mar. 28 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to consider the advisability of selecting a site and erecting thereon a new Primary School-house in the vicinity of Thorndike and Reed

streets, Ward 17, reported that this proposition has been brought to the attention of the School Committee a number of times, and your committee fully appreciate the efforts of the residents of this section to obtain additional school accommodations which are undoubtedly needed, and they recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the School Committee will take the necessary steps toward the selection of a site and the erection of a building as soon as an appropriation for the purpose can be obtained.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Additional appropriations for South Boston and Dorchester High School-houses.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriations be made:

South Boston High School-house, additional, $75,000.

New Dorchester High School-house, additional, $75,000.

Laid over under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Rental of 727 Walk Hill street, Dorchester, for school purposes.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to rent the store numbered 727 Walk Hill street, Dorchester, Tileston District, for school purposes, at a rental of $300 per year, which amount includes heat and janitor service.

Laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, it was

Committee on New Buildings to advertise for proposals for site for new Primary School-house, Roxbury.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for selling to the city a lot of land containing twenty thousand (20,000) square feet, more or less, for a site for a

new Primary School-house in the Sherwin District, Roxbury, within the territory bounded approximately by Huntington avenue, Vancouver street, Ward street, Cottage place, Tremont street, and Camden street extended to Huntington avenue.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; temporary accommodations for pupils in the Bigelow District.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that the necessary temporary accommodations for the pupils in the Bigelow District, during the construction of the new building, on which they anticipate work will be begun at an early date, can be obtained by occupying three stores on Broadway, five rooms in the Parkman School-house, two rooms in the Court House on Dorchester street, two rooms in the Capen School-house, two rooms in the Thomas N. Hart Primary School-house, and one room in the Lawrence School-house, thus providing the fifteen rooms required. The rental of the stores referred to will amount to one hundred dollars ($100) per month each, which includes heat and janitor service, and the estimated cost of putting the rooms specified and an additional room in the Parkman School-house, to be used as an office by the master, in proper condition for occupancy, including moving of furniture, etc., is approximately twenty-seven hundred dollars ($2,700).

Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be authorized to provide temporary accommodations in the Bigelow District substantially in accordance with the foregoing report, and at an expense not to exceed that specified therein.

The report was accepted.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the order appended to the foregoing report was passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on New Build-

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that in February last, the Board appropriated the sum of

ings; additional appropriation for addition to Mechanic Arts High School-house; execution of plumbing contract.

fifty-five thousand dollars ($55,000) for the Mechanic Arts High School-house addition, which amount your committee had supposed would be sufficient to cover the entire cost of the work, the appropriation being based upon the actual amounts of the building and heating contracts, and the estimated cost of the plumbing contract, which had not been entered into. The proposals for doing the latter work, which have just been received have somewhat exceeded the estimated cost thereof, owing to the fact that when the preparation of the specifications was undertaken, it was found necessary to replace a large part of the old plumbing, which by examination and test was found to be in a defective condition, by new, thus involving a greater expense in connection with this matter than had been anticipated. Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the following orders:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriation be made:

Mechanic Arts High School-house addition, additional, $1,500.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications prepared by Edmund M. Wheelwright, architect, for a plumbing system for the Mechanic Arts High School-house be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with William N. McKenna in the sum of $4,198 for furnishing and installing a plumbing system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications, the said McKenna being the lowest bidder.

The report was accepted.

Rules suspended.

The first order was laid over, under the rule, and the second order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to sell at public auction the buildings now standing on the site bordering on Bartlett, School, and Pearl streets, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes April 14, 1899; and that any expenses incurred in connection with such sale shall be charged to, and any proceeds in excess of such expenses, credited to, the appropriation for new Primary Schoolhouse, Warren District.

Committee on New Buildings to sell buildings on land of city on Bartlett, School, and Pearl streets, Charlestown.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be requested to issue negotiable bonds of the city to the amount of three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000) and to hold the proceeds of the same in the treasury, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for land taken and the construction and furnishing of a Normal School Building, under the provisions of chapter 239 of the Acts of 1899.

Order for City Treasurer to issue bonds for $300,000 for new Normal School.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to provide school accommodations of the primary grade at that section of Ward 23 known as Central Station, reported that while they realize the importance of school facilities keeping pace with the development of this section of the city, they are yet constrained to state that there are no funds at their disposal to meet the cost of a new building as suggested. They hope, however, to be able to provide the desired accommodations at no distant date, and recommend that the Common Council be informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that this matter will receive their favorable consideration at the earliest opportunity.

Report of Committe on New Buildings; primary school accommodations at Central Station, Ward 23. [See p. 32.]

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; new Grammar School building in Chapman District. [See p. 108.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Mar. 14 — a petition from Willard S. Allen *et als.*, requesting the School Committee to take immediate steps to construct a suitable building in the place of the old Chapman School, reported that this matter has been favorably considered and acted upon, and they therefore recommend that the petitioners be informed that an appropriation of $95,000 for a new building to replace the present Chapman School-house has been provided, and that plans for the new structure are now being prepared.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; erection of new Primary and Kindergarten building on Leon street, Ward 19. [See p. 113.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Mar. 28 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to take such steps as may be necessary for the erection of a building for kindergarten and primary school purposes on the site of the present school building on Leon street, Ward 19, reported that the necessity of replacing the present Ira Allen School-house, referred to, by a new and modern building has long been recognized, and numerous efforts made to bring about the desired result. Your committee gave this matter very earnest consideration some months ago, but arrived at the conclusion that it would be wiser to obtain a better and more conveniently located site in the Sherwin District than to rebuild on the present Leon-street lot. An appropriation to cover the cost of a new building is now available, the architects have been selected by this Board, and your Committee understand that favorable action has been taken by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and by both branches of the City Council with regard to providing an appro-

priation to cover the cost of a new site. Your Committee recommend that the information contained in the foregoing report be transmitted to the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; new Primary School-house in vicinity of Central Station, Ward 23. [See p. 153.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Apr. 11 — a petition from Julien C. Haynes, *et als.*, requesting the location of a Primary School in the vicinity of Central Station, Ward 23, West Roxbury, reported that the total amount granted the School Committee this year for additional school accommodations will be required to meet the cost of sites and buildings designated in the report presented by your Committee on March 28. Your Committee can only repeat the statement made in another report presented at this meeting on the same subject, that it is their intention to give this matter favorable consideration at the earliest opportunity, and they recommend that no further action be taken by the Board at the present time on the petition referred.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; new Primary School-house near Byron street, Ward 1. [See p. 115.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Mar. 28 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to consider the advisability of purchasing land and erecting a school-house thereon in the vicinity of Byron street, Ward 1, the expense of the same to be taken from the sum set aside by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the purpose of building new schools, reported that in consideration of the somewhat limited amount available for new school accommodations during the current year, and the urgent necessities existing in various sections of the city for additional facilities, your committee felt

that they could not consistently favor the proposition in question this year. They hope, however, to be able to give this matter renewed consideration early next year, and recommend that the Common Council be so informed.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; additional Primary School building in Dorchester Centre District, Ward 20. [See p. 32.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — a communication from the City Council, requesting that an additional Primary School building be provided in the Dorchester Centre District, Ward 20, reported that the selection of a proper site for a new school in the district referred to is now under consideration, and your committee hope to report thereon at an early date. Your committee recommend that this report be transmitted to the City Council, and that they be also informed that it is the intention of the School Committee to provide the additional accommodations asked for as soon as the required funds for the purpose can be obtained.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; remodeling of Chapman School-house. [See p. 114.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Mar. 28 — a communication from the City Council requesting the School Committee to remodel the Chapman School building, and to add a six-room wing to it; also to widen corridors, rebuild the stairs, provide suitable sanitaries for the boys, and install a system of heating and ventilation, and report to them at their earliest convenience, reported that they have considered the matter and recommend that the City Council be informed that it is the intention of the School Committee to replace the present Chapman School-house by an entirely new building, the plans for which are now being drawn and will be completed at an early date.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Paul Gore-street lot, in Jamaica Plain, be surrendered to the City Council, the same being no longer required for school purposes.

Surrender of Paul Gore-street lot to City Council.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Anderson, the foregoing vote was reconsidered, and the order presented by the Committee on New Buildings was amended to read as follows:

Ordered, That the Paul Gore-street lot, in Jamaica Plain, be surrendered to the City Council for immediate sale, the said lot being no longer required for school purposes, and that the proceeds of such sale be appropriated for the purpose of adding six additional rooms upon the Wyman School in the Lowell District.

The order as amended passed.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Mar. 14 — an order that yard accommodations be furnished for the Harvard Primary School, reported that this matter was brought to the attention of this committee last year, who reported unfavorably thereon, on account of there being no money available for expenditure in that direction. The desirability of providing the yard accommodations asked for is fully recognized by your committee, but the entire amount provided for additional school accommodations and land this year has been appropriated, and will be needed for use in definite directions, which have been approved by the Board, and your committee cannot, therefore, recommend the taking of additional land for the purpose specified.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; yard accommodations for Harvard Primary School. [See p. 109.]

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for selling

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tise for site for new Grammar School-house, Dorchester District.

to the city a lot of land in Dorchester, containing thirty-five thousand (35,000) square feet, more or less, for a site for a new Grammar School-house, within the territory bounded approximately by Blue Hill avenue, Lauriat avenue, the New England Railroad, and Walk Hill street.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; selection of architect for new Normal School-house. [See pp. 209, 211.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — May 23 — an order relative to the selection of an architect for the new Normal School-house, reported that your committee have given this matter consideration, and again recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Harrison H. Atwood, architect, be selected to prepare plans for the new Normal School-house.

Mr. Coolidge presented the following minority report signed by himself:

Minority report of Committee of New Buildings; selection of architect for new Normal School-house. [See p. 210.]

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on New Buildings, dissents from the views of the committee with regard to the selection of an architect for the new Normal School-house, and again recommends the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Stickney & Austin, architects, be selected to prepare plans for the new Normal School-house.

Both reports were accepted, and the orders laid over under the rule.

Report of Committee on School-houses; condition and safety of Chapman School-house. [See p. 138.]

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Mar. 28 — a petition from Joseph H. Barnes, Jr., as President of the Citizens' Trade Association of East Boston, relative to the condition and safety of the Chapman School-house, and asking that immediate steps be taken to provide suitable accommodations for the children in that section of the city, reported that as the Chapman School-house will soon be removed to make room for a new building, no action is required on the petition referred.

Accepted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Mar. 28 — a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to give a public hearing to the citizens of East Boston in regard to the necessity of repairs and alterations in the Chapman School-house, reported that inasmuch as it is proposed to begin the construction of a new building in place of the Chapman School-house, at an early date, no further action is necessary on the communication referred.

Report of Committee on School-houses; repairs and alterations of Chapman School-house. [See p. 113.]

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom were referred at various meetings sundry reports from the Board of Health relative to the condition of certain school buildings, reported that these matters will receive due attention by them, and they recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Report of Committee on School-houses; sanitary condition of certain school-houses. [See pp. 115, 116, 117, 197.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Strange offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Council be granted the use of the following-named school-houses for children's entertainments, July 4, 1899, provided that the regular janitors of said school-houses be employed to take charge of the buildings on that day: Emerson, Blackinton, Frothingham, Hancock, Eliot, Wells, Phillips, Quincy, Franklin, Rice, Lawrence, Lincoln, John A. Andrew, Sherwin, Hyde, Martin, Comins, Lowell, Hugh O'Brien, Roxbury High, Robert G. Shaw, Minot, Harris, Tileston, Henry L. Pierce, and the English High School Drill Hall for dancing.

Use of school-houses for children's entertainments on July 4, 1899.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Strange, for the Joint Committee on School Houses, New Buildings and Salaries, to whom was referred — May 23 — an order requesting them to report a proper salary for the position of School-house Agent,

Report of Joint Committee on School-houses, New Buildings and Salaries; salary of

School-house Agent. [See p. 213.]

reported that they have given the matter consideration, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the salary of the School-house Agent be fixed at the rate of thirty-three hundred dollars ($3,300) per annum.

Accepted, and the order laid over under the rule.

Ballot for School-house Agent.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Board proceeded to ballot for School-house Agent.

The Chair appointed Mr. Davison, Mrs. Keller and Mr. Gallivan a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 12. Thomas F. Strange had 1 vote; Charles A. Brown had 2 votes; Melancthon W. Burlen had 9 votes, and Horace B. Fisher had 11 votes.

There was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Board proceeded to a second ballot.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 12. There was one blank; Charles A. Brown had 1 vote; Thomas F. Strange had 1 vote; Melancthon W. Burlen had 10 votes; Horace B. Fisher had 10 votes.

There was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Strange the Board proceeded to a third ballot.

The Committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 23; one vote was defective and was not counted; Francis L. Coolidge had 1 vote; Melancthon W. Burlen had 9 votes; Horace B. Fisher had 12 votes, and was accordingly elected School-house Agent.

Annual report of Committee on Courses of Study and Text-Books.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Courses of Study and Text Books, presented the Annual Report of that committee in print (School Document, No. 4, 1899).

Appended to the report were the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That the manuals and books of the Prang Elementary Course of Art Instruction, arranged by years, be authorized for use as text-books in the Primary and Grammar Schools, as supplementary to the course of study now in use.

2. *Ordered*, That Metcalf and Bright's Language Lessons, Part I. and Part II., published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Grammar Schools, in place of Metcalf's Language Exercises, to be furnished in sets only, as new text-books are needed to replace those now in use. Part I. to be used in grades IV. and V.; Part II. to be used in grades VI. and VII.

3. *Ordered*, That Metcalf's English Grammar, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

4. *Ordered*, That Elementary German Reader, by O. B. Super, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

5. *Ordered*, That German Composition, by Wilhelm Bernhardt, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

6. *Ordered*, That Harkness's Latin Grammar, new edition, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools, to be furnished only as new text-books are needed to replace those now in use.

7. *Ordered*, That First Book in French, by Stanislas Le Roy, published by T. H. Castor & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools, and also in Grammar Schools where French is studied.

8. *Ordered*, That Le Siège de Paris, by Francisque Sarcey, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

9. *Ordered*, That Moni der Geissbub, by Johanna Spyri, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

10. *Ordered*, That Auf der Sonnenseite, edited by Wilhelm Bernhardt, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

11. *Ordered*, That German Selections for Sight Translation, by Georgianna F. Mondan, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

12. *Ordered*, That Materials for German Composition, by James T. Hatfield, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

13. *Ordered*, That Easy German Passages, edited by A. R. Lechner, published by Longmans, Green & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

14. *Ordered*, That German Selections for Advanced Sight Translation, by Rose Chamberlin, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

15. *Ordered*, That Moulton and Collar's Preparatory Latin Composition, published by Ginn & Co.; Daniel's New Latin Composition, published by B. H. Sanborn & Co., and Allen and Greenough's Ovid, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as text-books in the High Schools.

16. *Ordered*, That Collar's New Gradatim for Sight Reading, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

17. *Ordered*, That Algebra for Schools, by George W. Evans, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

18. *Ordered*, That Essentials of Algebra, by Webster Wells, published by Leach, Shewell & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

19. *Ordered*, That New School Algebra, by G. A. Wentworth, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

20. *Ordered*, That Standard School Algebra, by George E. Atwood, published by The Morse Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

21. *Ordered*, That Commercial Arithmetic, by Williams & Rogers, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

22. *Ordered*, That Business Law, by Myron Bly, published by Williams & Rogers, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

23. *Ordered*, That Office Routine and Book-keeping (with accompanying business forms), by Williams & Rogers, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

24. *Ordered*, That The Phonographic Reader, by Benn Pitman and Jerome B. Howard, published by The Phonographic Institute Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

25. *Ordered*, That The Second Phonographic Reader, by Benn Pitman and Jerome B. Howard, published by The Phonographic Institute Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

26. *Ordered*, That Composition-Rhetoric, by Fred N. Scott and Joseph V. Denney, published by Allyn & Bacon, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

27. *Ordered*, That A History of Greece, by George W. Botsford, published by The Macmillan Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

28. *Ordered*, That French Grammar, by J. H. Worman and A. DeRougemont, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

29. *Ordered*, That French Review Exercises, by P. B. Marcou, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

30. *Ordered*, That A Scientific German Reader, by George T. Dippold, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

31. *Ordered*, That Deutsches Sprach und Lesebuch, by Wilhelm Bernhardt, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

32. *Ordered*, That My Garden Acquaintance; A Good Word for Winter; A Moosehead Journal, by James Russell Lowell, — and The Farmer's Boy, by Robert Bloomfield, Modern Classics, No. 31, published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Girls' High School.

33. *Ordered*, That Ivanhoe (condensed), by Sir Walter Scott, published by the University Publishing Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Girls' High School.

34. *Ordered*, That A School History of the United States, by John B. McMaster, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Mechanic Arts High School.

35. *Ordered*, That Trigonometry, Surveying and Navigation, by G. A. Wentworth, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Mechanic Arts High School.

36. *Ordered*, That A Student's History of the United States, by Edward Channing, published by The Macmillan Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Mechanic Arts High School.

37. *Ordered*, That Finger Plays for Nursery and Kindergarten, by Emilie Poulsson, published by the Lothrop Publishing Company, be authorized for use as a reference book in Kindergartens, one copy to be supplied for each Kindergarten.

38. *Ordered*, That Prang's Aids for Object Teaching: Trades and Occupations (with accompanying manual) published by L. Prang & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Kindergartens, one copy to be supplied for each Kindergarten.

39. *Ordered*, That Poems and Pictures for the Songs and Games of Friedrich Froebel's Mother Play, First Series, published by D. Appleton & Co., be authorized for use as a

reference book in Kindergartens, one copy to be supplied for each Kindergarten.

40. *Ordered*, That Songs and Games for Little Ones, by Gertrude Walker and Harriet S. Jenks, published by Oliver Ditson Company, be authorized for use as a reference book in Kindergartens, one copy to be supplied for each Kindergarten.

41. *Ordered*, That The Songs and Music of Friedrich Froebel's Mother Play, by Susan E. Blow, published by D. Appleton & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Kindergartens, one copy to be supplied for each Kindergarten.

42. *Ordered*, That Washington the Soldier, by Henry B. Carrington, published by Lamson, Wolffe & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

43. *Ordered*, That Historic Pilgrimages in New England, by Edwin M. Bacon, published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in the Grammar and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each teacher of the two upper grades in the Grammar Schools, and one copy to be supplied for each High School.

44. *Ordered*, That The Massachusetts State House, by Alfred S. Roe, be authorized for use as a reference book in the Grammar and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

45. *Ordered*, That Harper's Dictionary of Classical Literature and Antiquities, edited by Harry T. Peck, published by Harper & Bros., be authorized for use as a reference book in the Latin and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each teacher in the Latin Schools, and one copy for each teacher of Latin or Greek in the High Schools.

46. *Ordered*, That A Latin Grammar for Schools and Colleges, by George M. Lane, be authorized for use as a reference book in the Latin and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each teacher in the Latin Schools, and one copy to be supplied for each teacher of Latin in the High Schools.

47. *Ordered*, That The Children's Primer, by Ellen M. Cyr, be dropped from the list of books authorized for supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

48. *Ordered*, That Child Life, by Etta A. and Mary F. Blaisdell, published by The Macmillan Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

49. *Ordered*, That The Land of Song, Book I., Selected by Katherine H. Shute, published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

50. *Ordered*, That Through the Year, Books I. and II., by Anna M. Clyde and Lillian Wallace, published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

51. *Ordered*, That Williams's Choice Literature Series, Book 1 Primary, Books 1 and 2 Intermediate, Books 1 and 2 Grammar, published by Butler, Sheldon & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary and Grammar Schools.

52. *Ordered*, That Stories from English History, from Julius Cæsar to Queen Victoria, by A. J. Church, published by The Macmillan Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

53. *Ordered*, That Bird World, by J. H. Stickney, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

54. *Ordered*, That The Red True Story Book, edited by Andrew Lang, published by Longmans, Green & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

55. *Ordered*, That The Blue True Story Book, edited by Andrew Lang, published by Longmans, Green & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

56. *Ordered*, That Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll, published by The Macmillan Company, be

authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

57. *Ordered*, That The Eugene Field Book, edited by Mary E. Burt and Mary B. Cable, published by Charles Scribner's Sons, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

58. *Ordered*, That Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans, by Edward Eggleston, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

59. *Ordered*, That Our Feathered Friends, by Elizabeth and Joseph Grinnell, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

60. *Ordered*, That Historic Boston and its Neighborhood, by Edward Everett Hale, published by D. Appleton & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

61. *Ordered*, That The Information Reader, No. 3 (Man and Materials), by William G. Parker, published by the Boston School Supply Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

62. *Ordered*, That The World and its People, Book VIII. (Australia and the Islands of the Sea), by Eva M. C. Kellogg, published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

63. *Ordered*, That Four American Naval Heroes, by Mabel B. Beebe, published by the Werner School Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

64. *Ordered*, That Four American Patriots, by Alma H. Burton, published by the Werner School Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

65. *Ordered*, That Stepping Stones to Literature, Nos. 4 to 8, inclusive, by Sarah L. Arnold and Charles B.

Gilbert, published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

66. *Ordered*, That The Heart of Oak Books, Volumes I. to VI., inclusive, edited by Charles Eliot Norton, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

67. *Ordered*, That Lights to Literature, Books one to five, inclusive, published by Rand, McNally & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

The report was accepted, and the orders laid over under the rule.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; date of reopening schools after summer vacation. [See p. 195.]

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — May 15 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to adopt a regulation providing that the date for re-opening after the summer vacation, all the high, grammar, primary and kindergarten schools of the city of Boston shall be the first Tuesday after the second Monday of September in each year, reported that they are not in favor of the proposition, and call attention to their report presented at the meeting of May 9, on the same subject. They recommend, therefore, that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the School Committee deem it inexpedient to adopt the regulation suggested.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Sessions of Roxbury High School.

Ordered, That the sessions of the Roxbury High School during the school year 1899–1900 shall extend from 9 o'clock A.M. to 4 o'clock P.M., with the under-

standing that no pupil shall be compelled to attend more than five hours per day.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the average amount of a teacher's work per week, in the Roxbury High School, for the school year 1899–1900, shall be reckoned as six hundred and fifty recitation periods of fifty minutes each for a single pupil.

Average amount of teacher's work in Roxbury High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to consider and to report to this Board relative to the following matters:

Board of Supervisors to report on matters relating to course of study for schools, length of terms, etc.

1. Whether it is expedient that in each school year there be not less than forty-five weeks, and whether said period shall be divided into three or four terms.

2. Whether, assuming that there should be four terms in each year, the course of study for the summer term should be radically different from that in the other three terms. Also whether the course of study and the grading should be so arranged that pupils not attending the summer term should be able to progress in regular class organization.

3. Assuming that the school year should not be essentially changed, what provision, if any, should be made to meet the present demand for vacation schools, to furnish occupation and training for the thousands of children now spending the long summer vacation in idleness or worse.

4. Whether the number of pupils per teacher should not be decreased, and if so, to what number.

5. Whether the course of study should not be so changed and simplified that pupils shall pursue less studies at the same time, to the end that sound scholarship and mental grasp may be encouraged, and smattering and superficiality be lessened.

6. Whether the course of study should not be so changed and rearranged that pupils may select a specified number of courses adapted to their individual capacities and needs, and may be granted diplomas more on account of development of power than because of time spent in alleged educational work.

7. Whether the rigidity of the present graded system should not be relaxed in other ways besides those specified above, to the end that pupils may have more time for continuous study, and

be relieved from the distraction and confusion now the cause of so great nervous waste on the part of both pupils and teachers.

8. What other changes in the course of study and the arrangement of school terms, and in the administration of the schools, are necessary and expedient in order that the results achieved may be more consonant with the expense of equipment and maintenance and with the time given by children to the work of education.

Death of T. Henry Wason.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, reported the death of T. Henry Wason, late sub-master in the Brimmer School, which occurred June 9, 1899.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Hartvig Nissen. [See p. 180.]

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — May 9 — an order for the payment of one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) to Hartvig Nissen, assistant to the Director of Physical Training, for extra services performed during the past year, reported that this amount was paid Mr. Nissen last year for extra duties performed by him in consequence of the resignation of Dr. Hartwell, whose place has not yet been filled. Your committee recommend that the Board take similar action this year, by the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Hartvig Nissen, assistant to the Director of Physical Training, the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) for extra services performed by him during the past year.

Accepted, and the order laid over under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Rose A. Carrigan. [See p. 185.]

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 9 — an order that the salary of Rose A. Carrigan, assistant instructor of music, be increased twenty dollars per month from January 1, reported that in accordance with the sense of the Board, as expressed at the meeting of Nov. 8, 1898, the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Holt, late instructor of music, who had charge of that subject in the Normal School, has remained unfilled, and the duties assigned to Miss Carri-

gan, who has performed them to the entire satisfaction of the Superintendent and the Master of the school. In the judgment of the committee Miss Carrigan is justly entitled to extra compensation for the additional responsibilities which have been imposed upon her, and they cordially recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Rose A. Carrigan, assistant instructor of music, the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) for extra services rendered in the Normal School since Jan. 1, 1899.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Caroline D. Aborn. [See p. 214.]

Mr. Gallivan for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 23 — an order that Caroline D. Aborn, principal of the Training School Kindergarten, be paid the sum of two hundred and forty dollars ($240) for extra services rendered during the past year in the Normal School, reported that the salary schedule provides for the payment of this amount to a teacher of Songs and Games in the Normal School. Miss Aborn has discharged the duties assigned to this position, as well as her own, for several years, and has received the salary attached thereto. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Caroline D. Aborn, principal of the Training School Kindergarten the sum of two hundred and forty dollars ($240) for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Patrick M. Connolly.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, reported that it has been customary to establish the salaries of janitors of buildings in which Evening Schools are located at a rate in proportion to the minimum number of rooms occupied for such purposes, and at the end of the term each year to allow further compensation for the care of any additional rooms required during the whole or any part of the term. Your Committee there-

fore recommend the passage of the following order, which is in conformity with the custom heretofore established:

Ordered, That there be paid to Patrick M. Connolly the sum of forty-nine and $\frac{55}{100}$ dollars ($49.50) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Wells Evening School during the term 1898–99.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Patrick F. Higgins.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, reported that authority has been given to have the floors of the Hyde Kindergarten washed twice a month since last November, at a cost of fifty-five cents each time, and they accordingly recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Patrick F. Higgins the sum of eight and $\frac{80}{100}$ dollars ($8.80) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Hyde School during the term 1898–99.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Thomas W. Kenney.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, reported that Curtis Hall, Jamaica Plain, is still occupied for drill purposes by the pupils of the West Roxbury High School, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order for payment for janitor service, which is at the usual rate of $4 per week:

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas W. Kenney, the sum of twenty-eight dollars ($28) for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall, from April 10 to May 26, 1899.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Dennis Kirby.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, reported that it has been customary to allow the janitor of the Munroe-street School additional compensation each year for removing snow from the plank walk leading to these premises from Bower street. They recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Dennis Kirby the sum of eleven dollars ($11) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Munroe-street School during the past winter.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, presented the annual report of that committee in print (School Document, No. 5, 1899).

Annual report of Committee on Salaries.

Appended to the report were the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools be fixed for the year ending August 31, 1900, as contained in the following schedule:

NORMAL SCHOOL.

Head-Master	$3,780
Master, first year, $2,340; annual increase, $144; maximum	3,060
Assistants, first year, $1,140; annual increase, $60; maximum	1,620

LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

Head-Masters	$3,780
Masters	3,060
Junior-Masters, first year, $1,476; annual increase (for eleven years), $144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	3,060
Assistant Principal, Girls' High School	2,040
Assistant Principal, Roxbury High School, first year, $1,620; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,836
Assistants, first year, $972; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,620

MECHANIC ARTS HIGH SCHOOL.

Head-Master	$3,780
Masters	3,060
Junior-Masters, first year, $1,476; annual increase (for eleven years), $144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	3,060
Instructors, first year, $1,500; annual increase, $120; maximum,	2,340
Assistant Instructors, first year, $972; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,620
Instructor of Metal-working, first year, $1,800; annual increase, $60; maximum	2,580

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Masters, first year, $2,580; annual increase, $120; maximum	$3,180
Sub-Masters, first year, $1,500; annual increase, $120; maximum	2,340

First Assistants, first year, $972; annual increase, $48; maximum	$1,212
Assistants, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

First Assistants, first year, $984; annual increase, $48; maximum	$1,080
Assistants, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936

KINDERGARTENS.

Principals, first year, $600; annual increase, $48; maximum	$792
Assistants, first year, $432; annual increase, $48; maximum	624

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Principal, Evening High School (per week), first year, $40; second year, $45; third year and subsequently	$50 00
Assistants, Evening High School (per evening)	4 00
Principals, evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance for month is 100 pupils or more (per evening)	5 00
In schools where average attendance for month is less than 100 (per evening)	4 00
First Assistants, Evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance for month is 75 pupils or more (per evening)	2 50
In schools where average attendance for month is less than 75 (per evening)	2 00
Assistants, Evening Elementary Schools (per evening)	2 00
[1] Masters, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening)	10 00
Principals, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, $7; second year and subsequently	8 00
Assistants, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, $4; second year, $5; third year and subsequently	6 00

SPECIAL INSTRUCTORS.

Special Instructors of Music	$2,640
Assistant Instructors of Music	888
Director of Drawing	3,000
Assistants to Director of Drawing (3)	1,500
Master of Evening Drawing Schools	1,200
Assistant to Director of Drawing	800
[2] Assistant to Director of Drawing	2,508

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[1] The rank of Master in Evening Drawing Schools shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbents.

[2] To give instruction in drawing in the Normal School, and to assist the Director of Drawing.

Teacher of German, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools . .	$1,500
Teacher of Chemistry, Girls' High School	1,620
Laboratory Assistant, Girls' High School	804
" " Roxbury "	804
" " English "	500
" " Mechanic Arts High School . . .	500
Teacher of Phonography and Typewriting, Charlestown High School	750
Teacher of Phonography and Typewriting, Dorchester High School	750
Teacher of Phonography, East Boston High School . . .	1,200
Teacher of Phonography and Book-keeping, Girls' High School,	1,200
Teacher of Physical Training, Brighton High School . .	700
Teacher of Physical Training, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools	900
Teacher of Physical Training and Reading, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools	900
Teacher of Physical Training, East Boston High School . .	3[illegible]0
" " " Culture, Roxbury High School . . .	1,200
Director of Kindergartens	2,880
Assistant Teacher of the Theory and Practice of the Kindergarten, Normal School	1,380
Teacher of Songs and Games, Normal School	240
Director of French and German	3,000
Assistants	1,500
Director of Physical Training	3,000
Assistant	2,280
Horace Mann School for the Deaf:	
Principal	2,880
Assistant Principal, first year, $1,152; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,440
Assistants, first year, $780; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,284
Teacher of Special Class, authorized Nov. 8, 1898 . . .	792
Principal of Manual Training Schools	2,508
Assistant Instructors in Manual Training Schools, first year, $804; annual increase, $48; maximum	996
Principal of Schools of Cookery	1,500
Instructors in Schools of Cookery, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936
Instructor in School on Spectacle Island (including all expenses connected with the school, except for books) . .	400
Instructor of Military Drill	2,000
Armorer	1,050

[1]Teachers of Sewing:

One division . . .	$144	Seven divisions . .	$660
Two divisions . . .	240	Eight divisions . .	732
Three divisions . .	336	Nine divisions . . .	792
Four divisions . . .	432	Ten divisions . . .	840
Five divisions . . .	516	Eleven divisions . .	888
Six divisions . . .	588	All over eleven divisions,	936

Special Assistant Teachers, first grade (per day) . . . $1 50
Special Assistant Teachers, Kindergarten (per week) . . 5 00

2. *Ordered*, That John Tetlow receive four hundred twenty dollars ($420) per annum, in addition to the regular salary of his rank.

3. *Ordered*, That Darius Hadley, Henry F. Sears, Charles F. Kimball, and T. Henry Wason each receive one hundred twenty dollars ($120) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1899, in addition to the maximum salary of their rank, on account of their long service in the public schools.

4. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the teachers of sewing be continued on the present schedule until Jan. 1, 1900, when they shall be paid in accordance with the new schedule.

5. *Ordered*, That the salaries of temporary teachers of the following-named ranks be fixed at the following rates for each day of actual service: Temporary Junior-Master, $5; Assistant, High Schools, $2.50; Sub-Master, Grammar Schools, $4; Instructor, Mechanic Arts High School, $4; Assistant, Grammar or Primary Schools, $2; Assistant Instructor in Schools of Cookery, $2.

6. *Ordered*, That all persons in the employ of the School Committee during the month of August, 1899, who will be deprived of a portion of their salaries for said month, on the ground that the School Committee might otherwise exceed their authority in making contracts beyond the appropriation allowed them by law, receive sums sufficient to make good such reduction in September, 1899, the same to be independent of any salary that may be due them for said month.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, order No. 3 was amended by striking out the name of T. Henry Wason, in the second line.

The report was accepted.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, order No. 6 was passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Orders Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive were laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

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[1] To take effect Jan. 1, 1900.

Ordered, That the rules be amended as follows:

Section 60. Add the following to the section: "provided that all such appointments, transfers and removals shall be approved by the committee in charge before being presented to the Board."

Amendment of rules; appointment, transfer and removal of directors, principals and instructors.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Burrill offered the following:

Ordered, That the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to put Arlington street, between Commonwealth avenue and Beacon street, in such repair that the lives of scholars and others passing over said street on bicycles may not be endangered.

Unsafe condition of Arlington street.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge the foregoing order was amended by substituting the words "Superintendent of Streets" for the words "Common Council."

The order as amended passed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, to whom was referred — May 23 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that the School Committee lay out and construct as a park and playground, a portion of the yard of the Tileston School, Dorchester District, which is not now used for any purpose, reported that the proposition meets with their cordial approval, but they are not aware of any funds within the control of the School Committee which can be drawn upon to meet the cost of the suggested improvements. They therefore recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that there is no objection on the part of this Board to the proposed use of the unoccupied portion of the Tileston School lot until such time as it may be required for school purposes, provided that all expense in connection with this matter be assumed by the Common Council.

Report of Committee on Ninth Division, use of portion of Tileston School yard as a park and playground. [See pp. 144, 212.]

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Room in Bowdoin School-house to be fitted up for wood-working room.

Ordered, That a room in the basement of the Bowdoin School-house be fitted up, during the summer vacation, for a class in woodworking.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Death of Sarah J. Bray.

Mrs. Fifield reported the death of Sarah J. Bray, late instructor in sewing, which occurred on June 10, 1899.

Accepted.

Mr. Berridge offered the following:

Suspension of afternoon session, Primary and Grammar Schools, June 16, 1899. Rules suspended.

Ordered, That the afternoon sessions of the Grammar and Primary Schools be suspended on Friday, June 16, 1899.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Courtney offered the following:

Salary of George A. Tyzzer.

Ordered, That George A. Tyzzer, sub-master in the Dwight District, be placed upon the second year of service in his rank, to date from April 10, 1899.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, it was

Board of Supervisors to attend next meeting of Board.

Ordered, That the members of the Board of Supervisors be requested to attend the next meeting of this Board, for conference and discussion with regard to the condition and needs of the public schools.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Additional Kindergartens in Washington Allston and Robert G. Shaw Districts.

Ordered, That an additional kindergarten be established in the Washington Allston and in the Robert G. Shaw Districts, the latter to be situated in the old Baker-street School-house.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 23 — a petition signed by Mrs. Ruth A. Webb *et als.*, for the establishment of a kindergarten in the vicinity of the Longfellow School, reported that they have duly considered the matter, and believe that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the establishment of a kindergarten in the Longfellow District.

Report of Committee on Eighth Division; establishment of Kindergarten in Longfellow District. [See p. 215.]

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary due Samuel P. Howard, deceased, late janitor of the Bigelow School, be paid to his widow, Mary Howard.

Payment of salary due Samuel P. Howard.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, the special assignment, being the time for the re-opening of the schools after the summer vacation, was taken up, and specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Special assignment. [See pp. 188, 189, 217, 218.]

The Chair presented the following petition:

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

GENTLEMEN,— The undersigned respectfully solicit your honorable body to consider the necessity of a primary school in Precinct 5 of Brighton District. The present primary schools are situated at extreme ends of the said District, thereby compelling our children to journey a considerable distance from their homes.

In granting this petition, you will greatly accommodate the residents of this portion of the District.

Brighton District, Boston, Massachusetts.

April 15, 1899.

MICHAEL R. MURPHY
and sixty-eight others.

Petition of Michael R. Murphy *et als.* for new Primary School-house in Precinct 5, Brighton District.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following petition:

BOSTON, May, 1899.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

Whereas, we, the undersigned, residents of Ward 18, of the city of Boston, are of opinion that there is need of a new primary school-house in said district; and

Whereas, we are in favor of the location of such school-house on the lot of land situated on the easterly side of Columbus avenue, bounded southerly by Cunard street and northerly by Coventry street, said lot of land being, in our judgment, a suitable and convenient site for such school-house;

Petition of Philip Sundell *et als.*, for new Primary School-house, Ward 18, Roxbury.

Therefore, we respectfully petition your honorable body to take such action in the matter as may be necessary under the law, in order that said lot of land may be taken for school purposes, and a primary school-house erected thereon.

PHILIP SUNDELL
and one hundred sixty-five others.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Massachusetts Society, Sons of Revolution; naming of new Primary School-house, Brighton.

MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY, SONS OF THE REVOLUTION.
BOSTON, June 10, 1899.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

GENTLEMEN, — I beg leave to write you on behalf of the Society of Sons of the Revolution in regard to naming the new school at Brighton. The trend of work by patriotic societies during the past year or so has been in the line of giving to the children object lessons by which interest is created in the men and methods of our forefathers, particularly those of the Revolution.

I have understood it has been suggested that the new school at Brighton be named in memory of Col. Thomas Gardner, who was a resident of Brighton, and who formerly owned the land on which the school is situated.

Colonel Gardner was a very prominent citizen of Brighton, representing his town in the General Court, and was a member of the Committee of Safety in Revolutionary times.

He took part in the battle of Bunker Hill, and was there mortally wounded, and one of Washington's first orders after taking command of the army, ordered a military funeral for Colonel Gardner.

It seems to me that there is no citizen of Brighton who could be honored with more dignity and at the same time instil into the minds of the children the spirit of our forefathers and a desire for research in Revolutionary subjects.

It is my earnest wish on behalf of the Sons of the Revolution that consideration be given to the naming of the school for this esteemed and worthy man.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

FRANK H. BRIGGS,
Pres. Mass. Soc. S. R.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

Communication from William Atkinson;

The Chair presented a communication from William Atkinson advocating the principle of competition in

connection with the preparation of plans for public buildings. plan for public buildings.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 27, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Keller and Mr. Nichols.

On motion of Mr. Brett, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Appointments, confirmations and transfers laid over, approved.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments, confirmations and transfers presented by the Superintendent at the last regular meeting.

The appointments, confirmations and transfers were approved.

Reappointment of instructors.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the reappointments of instructors to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending August 31, 1900, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, all of said reappointments to date from September 1, 1899; and the Board proceeded to act thereon as follows:

PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS.

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles W. Parmenter, head-master.

Bigelow District. — J. Gardner Bassett, Master.

Lowell District. — Edward P. Sherburne, Master.

Minot District. — F. Morton King, Master.

Prescott District. — William H. Furber, Master.

Ballot.

On motion of Mr. Brett, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Brett, Burrill and Bennett a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles W. Parmenter, Head-Master, had 22 votes.

Bigelow District. — J. Gardner Bassett, Master, had 22 votes.

Lowell District. — Edward P. Sherburne, Master, had 22 votes.

Minot District. — F. Morton King, Master, had 14 votes.

Prescott District. — William H. Furber, Master, had 22 votes.

The principals named having each received the necessary number of votes, were declared elected to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee.

Reappointment of principals of schools.

For the term ending August 31, 1900.

Brighton High School. — Frederic A. Tupper, head-master.

Charles Sumner District. — Loea P. Howard, master.

Martin District. — Augustine L. Rafter, master.

Ballot.

On motion of Mr. McDonough, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. McDonough, Bowdlear and Davison a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13.

Brighton High School. — Frederic A. Tupper, head-master, had 22 votes.

Charles Sumner District. — Loea P. Howard, master, had 22 votes.

Martin District. — Augustine L. Rafter, master, had 22 votes.

The principals named having each received the necessary number of votes, were declared re-elected for the term ending Aug. 31, 1900.

DIRECTOR OF DRAWING.

For the term ending August 31, 1900.

James Frederick Hopkins.

Reappointment of Director of Drawing.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the Board proceeded to ballot.

Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Coolidge, Calderwood, and Campbell a committe to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. John Smith had 2 votes, James Frederick Hopkins had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared re-elected Director of Drawing for the term ending Aug. 31, 1900.

INSTRUCTOR OF MILITARY DRILL

For the term ending August 31, 1900.

George H. Benyon.

Reappointment of Instructor of Military Drill.

On motion of Mr. Davison, the Board proceeded to ballot.

Ballot.

The Chair appointed Mr. Davison, Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Strange, a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, under the law, 15. John H. Dunn had 2 votes. George H. Benyon had 20 votes, and was accordingly declared re-elected Instructor of Military Drill for the term ending Aug. 31, 1900.

Reappointment of Armorer.

ARMORER.

For the term ending August 31, 1900.

Charles H. Reardon.

Ballot.

On motion of Mr. Merritt, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Merritt, Berridge, and Courtney a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice, 11. Charles H. Reardon had 20 votes, and was accordingly declared re-elected Armorer for the term ending Aug. 31, 1900.

Reappointment of special instructors.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTORS.

For the term ending August 31, 1900.

Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools. — M. Eloise Talbot, Teacher of Physical Training and Reading.

Brighton High School. — Eleanor J. O'Brien, Teacher of Physical Training.

Roxbury High School. — Mary Hubbard, Teacher of Physical Culture.

Ballot.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Calderwood, Anderson and Gallivan, a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice under the law, 14.

Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools. — M. Eloise Talbot, Teacher of Physical Training and Reading, had 21 votes.

Brighton High School. — Eleanor J. O'Brien, Teacher of Physical Training, had 21 votes.

Roxbury High School. — Mary Hubbard, Teacher of Physical Culture, had 21 votes.

The instructors named having each received the necessary number of votes, were declared re-elected for the term ending Aug. 31, 1900.

SUBORDINATE TEACHERS.

Reappointment of subordinate teachers.

The question came upon approving the reappointments of the subordinate teachers of the several Normal, Latin, High, Grammar, Primary and Kindergarten Schools, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending Aug. 31, 1900, as contained and specified in School Document No. 6, 1899, "Appointments for Re-election."

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Teachers in excess of number allowed under Regulations.

Ordered, That the employment of teachers in excess of the number allowed under the Regulations, as contained and specified in School Document No. 6, 1899, "Appointments for Re-election," be authorized for the school year 1899–1900.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Teachers with higher ranks than Regulations allow.

Ordered, That the employment of teachers with higher ranks than the Regulations allow, as contained and specified in School Document No. 6, 1899, "Appointments for Re-election," be authorized for the school year 1899–1900.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Ungraded classes in excess of number allowed under Regulations.

Ordered, That ungraded classes in excess of the number allowed under the Regulations, as contained and specified in School Document No. 6, 1899, "Appointments for Re-election," be allowed for the school year 1899–1900.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The reappointments, as contained and specified in said document, were approved.

Appointment of principals of Evening Schools.

The Chair stated the question was on the approval of the following appointments of principals of Evening Schools for the term 1899–1900, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting; said appointments to date from Sept. 25, 1899:

Evening High School. — Fred A. Fernald, head-master.

Bigelow School. — John D. Philbrick.

Comins School. — John E. Butler.

Dearborn School. — John S. Richardson.

Eliot School. — Walter Mooers.

Franklin School. — Gustavus F. Guild.

Lincoln School. — Robert E. Burke.

Lyman School. — Henry H. Folsom.

Mather School. — Orris L. Beverage.

Quincy School. — Alanson H. Mayers.

Warren School. — Joel C. Bolan.

Washington Allston School. — George E. Murphy.

Wells School. — Charles E. Harris.

Mr. McDonald moved that the appointment of Joel C. Bolan as principal of the Warren Evening School be referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to refer.

Mr. McDonald's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Bennett, Berridge, Bowdlear, Brett, Campbell, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Huggan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, and Strange — 18.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, and Calderwood — 4.

Absent: Mrs. Keller and Mr. Nichols.

Ballot.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the Board proceeded to ballot on the aforesaid appointments, excepting that of Mr. Bolan.

The Chair appointed Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Fleischer a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13.

Evening High School. — Fred A. Fernald, headmaster, had 22 votes.

Bigelow School. — John D. Philbrick had 21 votes.

Comins School. — John E. Butler had 22 votes.

Dearborn School. — John S. Richardson had 22 votes.

Eliot School. — Walter Mooers had 22 votes.

Franklin School. — Gustavus F. Guild had 22 votes.

Lincoln School. — Robert E. Burke had 21 votes.

Lyman School. — Henry H. Folsom had 22 votes.

Mather School. — Orris L. Beverage had 22 votes.

Quincy School. — Alanson H. Mayers had 22 votes.

Washington Allston School. — George E. Murphy had 21 votes.

Wells School. — Charles E. Harris had 22 votes.

The principals named having each received the necessary number of votes were accordingly declared elected for the term 1899–1900.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read, and successively passed:

Ordered, That there be paid to Dennis Kirby the sum of eleven dollars ($11) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Munroe-street School during the past winter.

Payment to Dennis Kirby. [See p. 251.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas W. Kenney, the sum of twenty-eight dollars ($28) for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall, from April 10, to May 26, 1899.

Payment to Thomas W. Kenney. [See p. 250.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Patrick F. Higgins, the sum of eight and $\frac{80}{100}$ dollars ($8.80) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Hyde School during the term 1898–99.

Payment to Patrick F. Higgins. [See p. 250.]

Payment to Patrick M. Connolly. [See pp. 249, 250.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Patrick M. Connolly the sum of forty-nine and $\frac{55}{100}$ dollars ($49.55) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Wells Evening School during the term 1898–99.

Payment to Caroline D. Aborn. [See pp. 214, 249.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Caroline D. Aborn, principal of the Training School Kindergarten the sum of two hundred and forty dollars ($240) for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School.

Payment to Hartvig Nissen. [See pp. 180, 248.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Hartvig Nissen, assistant to the Director of Physical Training, the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) for extra services performed by him during the past year.

Payment to Rose A. Carrigan. [See pp. 185, 248.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Rose A. Carrigan, assistant instructor of music, the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) for extra services rendered in the Normal School since Jan. 1, 1899.

Additional appropriation for Mechanic Arts High School-house addition. [See p. 230.]

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriation be made:

Mechanic Arts High School-house addition, additional, $1,500.

Salary of School-house Agent. [See pp. 213, 237–238.]

Ordered, That the salary of the School-house Agent be fixed at the rate of thirty-three hundred dollars ($3,300) per annum.

Rental of 727 Walk Hill street, Dorchester, for school purposes. [See p. 228.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to rent the store numbered 727 Walk Hill street, Dorchester, Tileston District, for school purposes, at a rental of $300 per year, which amount includes heat and janitor service.

Additional appropriations for South Boston and Dorchester High School-houses. [See p. 228.]

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriations be made:

South Boston High School-house, additional, $75,000.
New Dorchester High School-house, additional, 75,000.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read:

Ordered, That Harrison H. Atwood, architect, be selected to prepare plans for the new Normal School-house.

Selection of architect for new Normal School-house. [See pp. 209, 210, 211, 236.]

Ordered, That Stickney & Austin, architects, be selected to prepare plans for the new Normal School-house.

Mr. Coolidge offered the following;

Ordered, That the orders appended to the majority and minority reports of the Committee on New Buildings be recommitted to that committee, with instructions to advertise for competitive plans for the new Normal School-house, prizes to be awarded as follows: *First prize.* — Contract for the erection of the Normal School. *Second prize.* — The sum of $600 in money. *Third prize.* — The sum of $400 in money. The full Board shall decide the award of prizes.

Competitive plans for new Normal School-house.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of his order.

Mr. Coolidge's order was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Brett, Burrill, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Gallivan — 9.

Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Bennett, Berridge, Calderwood, Campbell, Courtney, Davison, Huggan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, and Strange — 13.

Absent: Mrs. Keller and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Aldrich moved that the Board proceed to ballot on the selection of an architect for the new Normal School-house.

Selection of architect for new Normal School-house.

Lost by a vote of 10 to 10.

Mr. Coolidge, with the unanimous consent of the Board, withdrew the order offered by him at the last meeting, that Stickney & Austin, architects, be selected to prepare plans for said building.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the order that Harrison H. Atwood, architect, be selected to prepare plans for the new Normal School-house.

Mr. Calderwood moved that further consideration of the matter be specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board at 8 o'clock, P.M.

The motion was declared lost.

Mr. Calderwood doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered on its verification.

Mr. Calderwood's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Brett, Calderwood, Coolidge and Gallivan — 4.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Berridge, Bowdlear, Burrill, Campbell, Courtney, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Huggan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt and Strange — 18

Absent: Mrs. Keller and Mr. Nichols.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the order.

Mr. Courtney moved that the vote on the selection of an architect be taken by ballot.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that Mr. Courtney's motion could not be entertained, the Board having already negatived a similar motion.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Coolidge moved the yeas and nays on the passage of the order.

After debate the Chair stated the question was on the passage of Mr. Courtney's motion that the Board proceed to ballot.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that under the rules Mr. Courtney's motion could not be entertained, a *viva voce* vote being necessary.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Anderson appealed from the decision of the Chair, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered.

The decision of the Chair was sustained by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Bennett, Berridge, Bowdlear, Courtney, Davison, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, and Strange — 11. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood, Campbell, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Gallivan — 10.

Absent or not voting: Mr. Huggan, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Nichols.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of Mr. Courtney's motion to proceed to ballot.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Bennett, Courtney, Davison, McDonald, and Strange — 6. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Berridge, Bowdlear, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood, Campbell, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Kenny, McDonough, and Merritt — 15.

Absent or not voting: Mr. Huggan, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Nichols.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the original order for the selection of Mr. Atwood as architect.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Bennett, Berridge, Campbell, Courtney, Davison, Huggan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, and Strange — 12. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, and Gallivan — 10.

Absent: Mrs. Keller and Mr. Nichols.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, June 26, 1899.

Communication from Board of Aldermen; use of a room in Emerson School-house as ward-room.

Ordered, That this Board hereby requests the School Committee to allow the use of one of the rooms in the Emerson School-house as a ward-room for Ward 1, it being necessary to vacate the

present ward-room on account of the tearing down of the school-house in which it is located.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Clerk of Committees Department; use of school-houses for children's entertainments, on July 4, 1899. [See p. 237].

CITY OF BOSTON.
CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL, June 26, 1899.

Thornton D. Apollonio, Esq., Secretary, School Committee:

DEAR SIR, — The Committee on Children's Entertainments will not require the use of the Franklin, Rice, Hyde and Comins Schools on July Fourth, but will need the Shurtleff School, in South Boston, and Glenway Hall, in Dorchester, which I understand is used for school purposes. Will you kindly see that the necessary arrangements are made, and that your janitors are notified of the changes, and oblige

Yours very truly,

JOHN F. DEVER,
Clerk of Committees.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land on School street, Charlestown, taken for school purposes.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, June 14, 1899.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with the Trustees of the estate of Bradley M. Clark, upon the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars, as payment for their estate on School street, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes, by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon the said Trustees giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

They have also agreed with Benjamin L. Keith and the heirs of William H. Keith, upon the sum of eighty-two hundred dollars, as payment for their estate at the corner of Pearl and Bartlett streets, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes, by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon their giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Estimate and Apportionment; appropriation for new grammar school-house, Dorchester, and new primary school-house, Roxbury.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT,
May 25, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be authorized to expend, in providing school-house sites, the following amounts, and the said amounts are hereby appropriated for the following purposes:

New Grammar School-house, Tileston District, Dorchester, site for $10,000

New Primary School-house, Sherwin District, Roxbury, site for 15,000

and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000).

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriations are not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
JOHN P. DORE,
LAURENCE MINOT,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was submitted by the Mayor to the City Council on May 25, 1899, and was not altered by it within the period of thirty days prescribed by law.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

Board of Supervisors excused from attendance.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the members of the Board of Supervisors, who were present pursuant to the order passed at the previous meeting, were excused from further attendance.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations.

Normal School. — Larkin Dunton, head-master, Sept. 1, 1899.

Bowditch District. — Ellen E. Foster, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1899.

Harvard District. — Mary A. Lovering, first assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1899.

Mather District. — Sadie M. Spalding, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1. 1899.

Norcross District. — Sarah A. Gallagher, assistant, Grammar School; Emma F. Gallagher, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1899.

Tileston District. — Emma L. Baker, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1899.

Florence-street Kindergarten. — Sarah L. Marshall, principal, Sept. 1, 1899.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Tileston District. — Mary G. Morton, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 5, 1899.

Florence-street Kindergarten. — Ida P. Wait, Boston, principal; Elizabeth C. Le Bourgeois, Boston, assistant, from Sept. 5, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Dearborn District. — Alice W. Peaslee, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 5, 1899, until Dec. 5, 1899; Mary A. Lynch, Boston, substitute. Mary K. Wallace, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 5, 1899, until Dec. 5, 1899; Mary C. Harrington, Boston, substitute.

Eliot District. — Adolin M. Steele, assistant, Grammar School, from June 24, 1899, until Oct. 24, 1899.

The Superintendent presented the following appointment, accompanied by a written statement of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Brimmer District. — James Burrier, sub-master, from June 12, 1899. Temporary teacher.

The employment of the teacher named was approved, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

The report of the Superintendent, of the teacher appointed to this position, was placed on file.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, on half-pay, and their resignations were accepted, to take effect Aug. 31, 1900: Rules suspended.

Quincy District. — Ann T. Corliss, Octavia C. Heard, assistants, Primary School, from Sept. 1, 1899, until Aug. 31, 1900. Leave of absence granted Ann T. Corliss, Octavia C. Heard, and Mary M. T. Foley.

Winthrop District. — Mary M. T. Foley, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 1, 1899, until Aug. 31, 1900.

REAPPOINTMENT OF INSTRUCTOR.

The Superintendent presented for approval the following reappointment of a teacher:

For the term ending August 31, 1900.

Lawrence District. — Mary F. O'Brien, Assistant, Grammar School. Reappointment of Mary F. O'Brien.

Laid over, under the rule.

DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL TRAINING.

The Superintendent presented for approval the appointment of Hartvig Nissen, as Director of Physical Training, from Sept. 5, 1899. Appointment of Director of Physical Training.

Laid over, under the rule.

The Superintendent presented the following:

Communications from Superintendent; certificate of service to be issued to Martha E. (Witherell) Lang.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
BOSTON, June 27, 1899.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the following matter was taken under consideration:

Mrs. Martha E. (Witherell) Lang, who was graduated from the Boston Normal School in 1870, was in the service of the city from that year to 1875, during which time she rendered very acceptable service. In 1877 when the rules were changed, all instructors at that time in the service of the city, were granted certificates of service. As Mrs. Lang had left the service two years before, she was not granted a certificate, although it would seem that she deserved one. She now wishes to do substitute work, and has applied for a certificate in order that her work may be legal. I therefore recommend that the Board of Supervisors be given authority to issue to Mrs. Lang a certificate of qualification, Service, Grammar School, Class B.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Chairman, Board of Supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the recommendation of the Superintendent was adopted, and the communication placed on file.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

Execution of contract for heating and ventilating East Boston High School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward, in the sum of $24,790, for furnishing a heating and ventilating system for the East Boston High School-house; the said firm being the lowest bidder.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich presented the following:

Petition from Henry Baldwin *et als.*; naming of new Primary School-house, Webster avenue, Brighton.

To the Honorable School Committee of the City of Boston:

GENTLEMEN, — We, the undersigned, residents of Brighton and Allston, believing the name of Frederic A. Whitney to be preeminently appropriate for the name of the new school-house on Webster avenue, Allston District, respectfully present this name for your favorable consideration.

He was identified with every educational interest, and was foremost in advancing whatever benefited the town he loved. His long life as an educator (thirty-seven years of which were lived with us), unselfishly devoted to the welfare of the public schools, serving as Chairman of the School Board for thirteen years. and his services to the Public Library, serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for nine years, emphasize the fitness of this request.

HENRY BALDWIN
(and two hundred others).

Mr. Aldrich also presented two additional petitions of the same tenor as the foregoing, signed respectively by Homer Rogers, and two hundred and one others, and by Benjamin M. Fiske, and two hundred and one others.

Placed on file.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; naming of new Primary School-house, Webster avenue. [See pp. 167, 174, 191, 258].

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — May 9 — an order that the new Primary School-house on Webster avenue, Brighton, be named the Frederick A. Whitney School, and — on the same date — a petition from George W. Yeaton *et als.*, and June 13 — a communication from Frank H. Briggs, President of the Massachusetts Society of Sons of the Revolution, suggesting that the name of Thomas Gardner be given to that school, reported that after careful consideration of the matter they are of the opinion that the majority of the residents in that section are in favor of the name originally proposed for the school, and that they have received petitions to that effect signed by a large number of citizens. Your committee regret that there should be any difference of opinion with regard to the matter, but feel that the name they have chosen should be adopted, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house on Webster avenue, Brighton, be named the Frederick A. Whitney School, in honor of the late Frederick A. Whitney.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Purchase of land on School street, Charlestown, for school purposes. [See pp. 272, 273.]

Ordered, That there be paid to the Trustees of the estate of Bradley M. Clark the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars ($6,500) as payment for their estate on School street, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon said Trustees giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Purchase of land on Pearl and Bartlett streets for school purposes. [See pp. 272, 273.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Benjamin L. Keith and the Heirs of William H. Keith the sum of eighty-two hundred dollars ($8,200) as payment for their estate at the corner of Pearl and Bartlett streets, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon their giving to the City a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Additional appropriation for New Primary School-house on Munroe street.

Ordered, That the amount realized from the sale of land on Comins terrace, Roxbury, surrendered to the City Council, Dec. 13, 1898, viz., $437.50, be appropriated for New Primary School-house, Munroe street, additional.

Laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, it was

Transfer of Austin School-house to School Committee.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to transfer to the School Committee the Austin School-house, on Paris street, East Boston, surrendered by the School Committee, Feb. 12, 1895, the use of said building for school purposes again being required.

Mr. Davison presented the following:

List of persons employed by Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association in vacation schools.

BOSTON, June 27, 1899.

To the School Committee:

The following is a list of persons to be employed in school-yard playgrounds in summer of 1899.

PRESENTED TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL, BY MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY AND HYGIENE ASSOCIATION.

Ellen M. Tower, Chairman of Committee on Playgrounds.
James J. Minot, President.

Superintendent,	Miss Emma A. Phelps.	
Salary for the term		$165
Assistant Superintendent,	Marion L. Dally.	
Salary for the term		125
Directors of Boys' Yards,	J. H. A. Smith, Louis Schmitt.	
Salary for six days per week, two sessions per day . .		15
Assistant Directors of Boys' Yards,	Clark K. Petersen, Gordon Trowbridge.	
Salary for six days per week, two sessions per day . .		10
Assistant Directors of Children's Yards	Cora J. Livingston, Annie B. Russell.	
Salary for five days per week, two sessions per day . .		10

Matron. —	Abby G. Wheeler,	Ware	School.
"	M. Blanche Tozier,	Wait	"
"	Lura W. Sanborn,	Andrews	"
"	Teresa A. Long,	Quincy	"
"	Annie M. Farrell,	Sherwin	"
"	Gertrude F. Briggs,	George-st.	"
"	Honora A. Lennon,	Dearborn	"
"	Frances S. Sanborn,	Joshua Bates	"
"	Ruth Blanchard,	Everett	"
"	Ellen E. Phalen,	Comins	"
"	Helena M. Doherty,	Lawrence	"
"	Mary C. Drum,	Parkman	"
"	B. Frances Logue,	Ticknor	"
"	Mary L. R. Woodbury,	Cudworth	"
"	Elizabeth F. Woodbury,	Adams	"
"	Katharine MacDonald,	Lyman	"
"	Annie F. Mellish,	Harvard	"
"	Anna Sheehan,	Warren	"

Salaries for 6 half-days per week 5

Asst. Matron. —	Margaret Sheehan,	Ware School.
" "	Ermina C. Leach,	Wait School.
" "	Clara E. Breithing,	
" "	Anna L. Corbett,	
" "	Gertrude Sanborn,	Andrews School.
" "	Viola B. Russell,	
" "	Margaret F. Keenan,	
" "	Mary Long,	Quincy School.
" "	Mary C. Harrington,	Sherwin School.
" "	Helen Harvison,	
" "	Elizabeth G. Burke,	George-st. School.
" "	M. Elizabeth O'Donnell,	Dearborn School.
" "	Henrietta G. Bonner,	
" "	Frances S. Sanborn,	Joshua Bates School.
" "	Augusta M. Wood,	
" "	Georgie L. Blish,	Everett School.
" "	Teresa Currie,	Comins School.
" "	Ella A. Fickett,	Lawrence School.
" "	Laura A. Marceline,	Parkman School.
" "	Mary B. Merrill,	
" "	Ellen A. Barry,	Ticknor School.
" "	Elizabeth F. Woodbury,	Cudworth School.
" "	Eliza D. Graham,	
" "	Mary L. R. Woodbury,	Adams School.
" "	Edith H. Wood,	
" "	Mary A. MacDonald,	Lyman School.
" "	Emily E. Plimpton,	
" "	Anna T. Nolan,	Harvard School.
" "	Lucille Patch,	Warren School.

Salaries for 6 half-days per week $3.50

Drummer boys:

Thos. H. Murphy,
Benj. T. Leland.
Charles O. Russell.
C. H. R. Randall.

Salary for 6 half-days per week 3.00

Will the committee kindly approve as *substitutes if needed*, Alice Woodbine, Katharine Nash, Margaret Quinn, Katharine Goode, Louise Ten Eyck Waterman, Lizzie M. Pearson.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Davison, it was

Election of persons nominated by Massachusetts Emergency

Ordered, That the candidates proposed by the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, as per their communication of this date, for carrying on the

work for which this Board in its annual budget appropriated $3,000, be elected to the positions named therein, and that they be paid the salaries as stated in said communication.

and Hygiene Association for service in vacation schools.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, June 29, at 7.30 o'clock, P.M.

Adjournment.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 29, 1899.

An adjourned regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Bowdlear and Campbell.

On motion of Mr. Nichols, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATION.

Lowell District.—Lillian G. Green, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 1, 1899. Resignation.

Accepted.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, the employment of an additional assistant, Grammar School, in the Mather District, in excess of the number allowed under the Regulations, was authorized for the school year 1899–1900. Rules suspended.

REAPPOINTMENTS OF INSTRUCTORS.

The Superintendent presented, for approval, the following reappointment of a teacher:

For the term ending August 31, 1900.

Mather District. — Gertrude Newman, assistant, Grammar School (on probation), from Sept. 1, 1899. Reappointment of Gertrude Newman

Approved, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Reapointments of instructors now in service.

Mr. Berridge offered the following:

Ordered, That the employment during the school year 1899–1900 of teachers now in the service, who have not been reappointed by the Superintendent for reasons stated by him in School Document No. 6, 1899, "Appointments for Re-election," is hereby authorized.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Pursuant to the terms of the foregoing order, the Superintendent presented, for approval, the following reappointments of instructors, all of said reappointments to date from Sept. 1, 1899:

SECOND DIVISION.

For the term ending August 31, 1900.

Harvard District. — Elizabeth B. Porter, assistant, Grammar School.

Warren District. — Ellen M. O'Connor, assistant, Grammar School.

THIRD DIVISION.

For the term ending August 31, 1900.

Bowdoin District. — Mary W. French, assistant, Grammar School.

Eliot District. — Susie F. Jordan, assistant, Grammar School; Anna L. Foster, assistant, Grammar School (on probation).

Hancock District. — Mabel C. Higgins, assistant, Grammar School.

FIFTH DIVISION.

For the term ending August 31, 1900.

Dwight District. — Frances J. White, assistant, Grammar School.

Franklin District. — Florence H. King, assistant, Grammar School (on probation).

Hyde District. — A. Maud Gilbert, assistant, Grammar School.

SIXTH DIVISION.

For the term ending August 31, 1900.

Bigelow District. — Katharine P. Kelley, assistant, Grammar School (on probation).

Gaston District. — Agnes R. Leahy, assistant, Grammar School (on probation).

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee.

Lawrence District. — Sabina F. Kelley, Eva C. Morris, assistants, Primary School.

For the term ending August 31, 1900.

Lawrence District. — Margaret J. Schenck, assisant, Grammar School; Martha J. Krey, assistant, Primary School.

Lincoln District. — Jennie M. Pray, assistant, Grammar School.

Norcross District. — Josephine J. Mahoney, assistant, Primary School; Cherrie W. St. Clair, assistant, Grammar School (on probation).

Shurtleff District. — Margaret M. Ring, assistant, Grammar School (on probation).

SEVENTH DIVISION.

For the term ending August 31, 1900.

George Putnam District. — Mary L. Crowe, assistant, Grammar School.

EIGHTH DIVISION.

For the term ending August 31, 1900.

Lowell District. — Annie Dooley, Susan H. Nugent, Mary V. Prendergast, Eleanor F. Somerby, assistants, Grammar School (on probation).

Washington Allston District. — Gertrude Weeks, assistant, Grammar School (on probation).

NINTH DIVISION.

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee.

Edward Everett District. — Hildegard Fick, assistant, Grammar School.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the reappointments of instructors in the Lowell District, as contained in the foregoing report of the Superintendent, were referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

Reappointment of instructors in Lowell District.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, the rules were suspended, and the foregoing reappointments, excepting those in the Lowell District, were approved.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Strange, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be granted the use of the Shurtleff School-house for children's entertainments, July 4, 1899.

Use of Shurtleff School-house for children's entertainments July 4, 1899. [See p. 272.]

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to H. S. Dudley, for the Denison House Association, the sum of eight dollars ($8) for cleaning the Denison House Kindergarten from May 1 to June 26, 1899.

Payment to H. S. Dudley for cleaning Denison House Kindergarten.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Expenditure for washing floors of various school-houses.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars ($2,250) for expenses connected with the washing of the floors of the various school-houses, during the summer vacation.

Laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Courses of Study and Text-Books, it was

Modification of course of study, Girls' High School.

Ordered, That in the Girls' High School the course of study be modified for the accommodation of a class of girls in that school preparing for college, in the following manner, to wit:

First year: Three hours, English; six hours, Latin; three hours Botany; five hours, Algebra; three hours, American History.

Second year: Three hours, English; five hours, Latin; four hours, French; three hours, History of England and the United States; five hours, Geometry.

Third year: One hour, English; four hours, Latin; four hours, German; one hour, French; two hours, History of England and the United States; four hours, Algebra and Geometry; five hours, Physics.

Fourth year: Four hours, English; four hours, Latin; five hours, French; six hours, Chemistry; two hours, Logarithms and Trigonometry.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

American System of Music authorized as additional text-books.

Ordered, That the American System of Music, by Zuchtmann, published by the King-Richardson Publishing Company, be authorized for use as additional text-books in music in the Grammar and Primary schools.

Laid over, under the rule.

Orders Appended to Report of Committee on Courses of Study and Text Books. [See pp. 239–246.]

On motion of Mr. Strange, the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Courses of Study and Text-Books, were taken from the table, as follows:

1. *Ordered*, That the manuals and books of the Prang Elementary Course of Art Instruction, arranged by years, be authorized for use as text-books in the Primary and Grammar Schools, as supplementary to the course of study now in use.

2. *Ordered*, That Metcalf and Bright's Language Lessons, Part I. and Part II., published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Grammar Schools, in place of Metcalf's Language Exercises, to be furnished in sets only, as new text-books are needed to replace those now in use. Part I. to be used in grades IV. and V.; Part II. to be used in grades VI. and VII.

3. *Ordered*, That Metcalf's English Grammar, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

4. *Ordered*, That Elementary German Reader, by O. B. Super, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

5. *Ordered*, That German Composition, by Wilhelm Bernhardt, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

6. *Ordered*, That Harkness's Latin Grammar, new edition, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools, to be furnished only as new text-books are needed to replace those now in use.

7. *Ordered*, That First Book in French, by Stanislas Le Roy, published by T. H. Castor & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools, and also in Grammar Schools where French is studied.

8. *Ordered*, That Le Siège de Paris, by Francisque Sarcey, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

9. *Ordered*, That Moni der Geissbub, by Johanna Spyri, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

10. *Ordered*, That Auf der Sonnenseite, edited by Wilhelm Bernhardt, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

11. *Ordered*, That German Selections for Sight Translation, by Georgianna F. Mondan, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

12. *Ordered*, That Materials for German Composition, by James T. Hatfield, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

13. *Ordered*, That Easy German Passages, edited by A. R. Lechner, published by Longmans, Green & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

14. *Ordered*, That German Selections for Advanced Sight Translation, by Rose Chamberlin, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

15. *Ordered*, That Moulton and Collar's Preparatory Latin Composition, published by Ginn & Co.; Daniel's New Latin Composition, published by B. H. Sanborn & Co., and Allen and Greenough's Ovid, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as text-books in the High Schools.

16. *Ordered*, That Collar's New Gradatim for Sight Reading, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

17. *Ordered*, That Algebra for Schools, by George W. Evans, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

18. *Ordered*, That Essentials of Algebra, by Webster Wells, published by Leach, Shewell & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

19. *Ordered*, That New School Algebra, by G. A. Wentworth, published by Gnn & Co., beaui thorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

20. *Ordered*, That Standard School Algebra, by George E. Atwood, published by The Morse Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

21. *Ordered*, That Commercial Arithmetic, by Williams & Rogers, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

22. *Ordered*, That Business Law, by Myron Bly, published by Williams & Rogers, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

23. *Ordered*, That Office Routine and Book-keeping (with accompanying business forms), by Williams & Rogers, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

24. *Ordered*, That The Phonographic Reader, by Benn Pitman and Jerome B. Howard, published by The Phonographic Institute Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

25. *Ordered*, That The Second Phonographic Reader, by Benn Pitman and Jerome B. Howard, published by The Phonographic Institute Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

26. *Ordered*, That Composition-Rhetoric, by Fred N. Scott and Joseph V. Denney, published by Allyn & Bacon, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

27. *Ordered*, That A History of Greece, by George W. Botsford, published by The Macmillan Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

28. *Ordered*, That French Grammar, by J. H. Worman and A. DeRougemont, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

29. *Ordered*, That French Review Exercises, by P. B. Marcou, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

30. *Ordered*, That A Scientific German Reader, by George T. Dippold, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

31. *Ordered*, That Deutsches Sprach und Lesebuch, by Wilhelm Bernhardt, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

32. *Ordered*, That My Garden Acquaintance; A Good Word for Winter; A Moosehead Journal, by James Russell Lowell, — and The Farmer's Boy, by Robert Bloomfield, Modern Classics, No. 31, published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Girls' High School.

33. *Ordered*, That Ivanhoe (condensed), by Sir Walter Scott, published by the University Publishing Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Girls' High School.

34. *Ordered*, That A School History of the United States, by John B. McMaster, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Mechanic Arts High School.

35. *Ordered*, That Trigonometry, Surveying and Navigation, by G. A. Wentworth, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Mechanic Arts High School.

36. *Ordered*, That A Student's History of the United States, by Edward Channing, published by The Macmillan Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Mechanic Arts High School.

37. *Ordered*, That Finger Plays for Nursery and Kindergarten, by Emilie Poulsson, published by the Lothrop Publishing Company, be authorized for use as a reference book in Kindergartens, one copy to be supplied for each Kindergarten.

38. *Ordered*, That Prang's Aids for Object Teaching: Trades and Occupations (with accompanying manual) published by L. Prang & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Kindergartens, one copy to be supplied for each Kindergarten.

39. *Ordered*, That Poems and Pictures for the Songs and Games of Friedrich Froebel's Mother Play, First Series, published by D. Appleton & Co., be authorized for use as a

reference book in Kindergartens, one copy to be supplied for each Kindergarten.

40. *Ordered*, That Songs and Games for Little Ones, by Gertrude Walker and Harriet S. Jenks, published by Oliver Ditson Company, be authorized for use as a reference book in Kindergartens, one copy to be supplied for each Kindergarten.

41. *Ordered*, That The Songs and Music of Friedrich Froebel's Mother Play, by Susan E. Blow, published by D. Appleton & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Kindergartens, one copy to be supplied for each Kindergarten.

42. *Ordered*, That Washington the Soldier, by Henry B. Carrington, published by Lamson, Wolffe & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

43. *Ordered*, That Historic Pilgrimages in New England, by Edwin M. Bacon, published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in the Grammar and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each teacher of the two upper grades in the Grammar Schools, and one copy to be supplied for each High School.

44. *Ordered*, That The Massachusetts State House, by Alfred S. Roe, be authorized for use as a reference book in the Grammar and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

45. *Ordered*, That Harper's Dictionary of Classical Literature and Antiquities, edited by Harry T. Peck, published by Harper & Bros., be authorized for use as a reference book in the Latin and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each teacher in the Latin Schools, and one copy for each teacher of Latin or Greek in the High Schools.

46. *Ordered*, That A Latin Grammar for Schools and Colleges, by George M. Lane, be authorized for use as a reference book in the Latin and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each teacher in the Latin Schools, and one copy to be supplied for each teacher of Latin in the High Schools.

47. *Ordered*, That The Children's Primer, by Ellen M. Cyr, be dropped from the list of books authorized for supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

48. *Ordered*, That Child Life, by Etta A. and Mary F. Blaisdell, published by The Macmillan Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

49. *Ordered*, That The Land of Song, Book I., Selected by Katherine H. Shute, published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

50. *Ordered*, That Through the Year, Books I. and II., by Anna M. Clyde and Lillian Wallace, published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

51. *Ordered*, That Williams's Choice Literature Series, Book 1 Primary, Books 1 and 2 Intermediate, Books 1 and 2 Grammar, published by Butler, Sheldon & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary and Grammar Schools.

52. *Ordered*, That Stories from English History, from Julius Cæsar to Queen Victoria, by A. J. Church, published by The Macmillan Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

53. *Ordered*, That Bird World, by J. H. Stickney, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

54. *Ordered*, That The Red True Story Book, edited by Andrew Lang, published by Longmans, Green & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

55. *Ordered*, That The Blue True Story Book, edited by Andrew Lang, published by Longmans, Green & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

56. *Ordered*, That Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll, published by The Macmillan Company, be

authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

57. *Ordered*, That The Eugene Field Book, edited by Mary E. Burt and Mary B. Cable, published by Charles Scribner's Sons, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

58. *Ordered*, That Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans, by Edward Eggleston, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

59. *Ordered*, That Our Feathered Friends, by Elizabeth and Joseph Grinnell, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

60. *Ordered*, That Historic Boston and its Neighborhood, by Edward Everett Hale, published by D. Appleton & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

61. *Ordered*, That The Information Reader, No. 3 (Man and Materials), by William G. Parker, published by the Boston School Supply Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

62. *Ordered*, That The World and its People, Book VIII. (Australia and the Islands of the Sea), by Eva M C. Kellogg, published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

63. *Ordered*, That Four American Naval Heroes, by Mabel B. Beebe, published by the Werner School Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

64. *Ordered*, That Four American Patriots, by Alma H. Burton, published by the Werner School Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

65. *Ordered*, That Stepping Stones to Literature, Nos. 4 to 8, inclusive, by Sarah L. Arnold and Charles B.

Gilbert, published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

66. *Ordered*, That The Heart of Oak Books, Volumes I. to VI., inclusive, edited by Charles Eliot Norton, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

67. *Ordered*, That Lights to Literature, Books one to five, inclusive, published by Rand, McNally & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

On motion of Mr. Strange, orders Nos. 66 and 67 were amended by inserting the words "Primary and" before the word "Grammar" in the fourth line of each of said orders.

On motion of Mr. Strange, that portion of order No. 15 authorizing the use of Allen and Greenough's Ovid as a text-book in the High Schools, was recommitted to the Committee on Courses of Study and Text-Books.

Mr. Anderson moved the passage of all of said orders, excepting order No. 15.

The orders passed unanimously, 21 members voting in the affirmative.

Allen and Greenough's Ovid.

Mr. Anderson moved the passage of order No. 15, excepting that portion of said order relating to Allen and Greenough's Ovid, which had been recommitted to the Committee on Courses of Study and Text-Books.

Passed unanimously, 21 members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, reported that the janitor of the Warren School was required to perform extra services in cleaning six rooms in that building at the end of the evening school term, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to John P. Swift.

Ordered, That there be paid to John P. Swift, janitor of the Warren School, the sum of $6.85 for extra cleaning of that building.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to B. Cortissoz the sum of one hundred thirty-five dollars ($135) for services rendered as temporary janitor of the Bigelow School from May 7 to July 1, 1899, inclusive. Payment to B. Cortissoz.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, reported that the janitor of the Dillaway School is entitled to additional compensation for extra services performed in caring for two rooms in the old Roxbury High School-house, which have been occupied during the past year by two classes in the Dillaway District, the amount named being the same as was paid the previous year for similar services. The committee recommend the passage of the following order: Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to John Schromm.

Ordered, That there be paid to John Schromm the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Dillaway School during the past year.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, reported that the janitor of the Harbor View-street School is required to care for a vacant lot belonging to the city adjoining that school in addition to his regular duties, for which he is allowed extra compensation. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order which covers the payment of the usual amount: Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Nathaniel H. Hall.

Ordered, That there be paid to Nathaniel H. Hall the sum of ten dollars ($10) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Harbor View-street School during the past year.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Joseph P. Fleming.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, reported that during a portion of the school year 1898–99 it has been necessary to provide accommodations for an additional class in the hall of the Hancock School, thereby increasing the work of the janitor, whose salary is based on the regular number of rooms to be cared for. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Joseph P. Fleming the sum of twelve dollars ($12) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Hancock School during the past year.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Patrick W. Tighe.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, reported that a number of teachers' meetings and conferences, as well as an exhibition of progress in drawing have been held in the English High School-house during the past year, in connection with which the janitor of the building has been required to perform extra services, and to employ additional help. Your committee, therefore, recommend the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Patrick W. Tighe the sum of one hundred seven and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($107.50) for extra services rendered as janitor of the English High School building during the past year.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Charles D. Gallagher.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, reported that during the month of May last Charles D. Gallagher was temporarily in charge of the Franklin and Wait Schools, as acting janitor, owing to the resignation and death of the previous incumbents, and should receive the regular salary for those positions. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Charles D. Gallagher

the sum of one hundred nineteen dollars ($119) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Franklin and Wait Schools during the month of May, 1899.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, reported that the use of Curtis Hall has been required this year in connection with the graduating exercises of the West Roxbury High School, and they accordingly recommend the passage of the following order to cover the cost of janitor service for an additional week at the usual rate:

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Thomas W. Kenney.

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas W. Kenney, the sum of four dollars ($4) for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall, from June 19 to June 26, 1899.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, reported that the janitor of the Franklin School has had charge of the Wait School during the present month, no regular appointment having yet been made to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late janitor of that building. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order, the amount specified therein being the established salary of the position:

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Michael J. Crowley.

Ordered, That there be paid to Michael J. Crowley the sum of forty-three dollars ($43) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Wait School during the month of June, 1899.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, orders Nos. 1 to 5, inclusive, as amended, appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries, were taken from the table. (See Minutes, pages 251–254.)

Orders appended to report of Committee on Salaries. [See pp. 251–254.]

The orders as amended passed.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on the Sixth Divi-

Report of Committee on Sixth

Division; death of Emma P. Hall.

sion, reported the death of Emma P. Hall, late first assistant, Grammar School, Lawrence District, which occurred on June 20, 1899.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Sixth Division; death of Mary L. Bright.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, reported the death of Mary L. Bright, late assistant, Primary School, Bigelow District, which occurred on June 27, 1899.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Additional Primary School accommodations, Frothingham District.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be requested to provide additional accommodations for two primary classes to relieve the congested conditions in the Frothingham District.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, it was

Salary of Amanda C. Ellison.

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to investigate and report whether or not Amanda C. Ellison, assistant, Primary School, Dearborn District, has received the full amount of credit for previous service to which she is entitled under the Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Additional Primary School accommodations, Martin District.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be requested to provide additional accommodations for a primary class in the Martin District.

Report of Committee on Seventh Division; transfer of sub-master to Dudley District. [See pp. 141–142.]

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, and the Superintendent, to whom was referred — April 11 — the question of the appointment of a sub-master in the Dudley District, reported that they have considered the matter, and they recommend that Abram T. Smith, sub-master in the Hugh O'Brien District, be transferred to the same position in the Dudley District.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the transfer of the instructor named approved, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That Franklin Medals be awarded five of this year's graduates of the Mechanic Arts High School.

Award of Franklin Medals to graduates of Mechanic Arts High School.

Mr. Berridge, having filed a notice with the Secretary of his intention so to do, moved a reconsideration of the vote passed at the meeting of June 13, whereby the report presented by the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with regard to reopening the schools after the summer vacation, was ordered sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Reconsideration of report relative to time of reopening of schools in September.

Mr. Berridge's motion passed.

Mr. Berridge moved the passage of the motion offered by Mr. Davison at the meeting of May 23, that the public schools reopen after the summer vacation on the second Wednesday in September, in each year.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, the foregoing motion was amended so as not to include the High Schools.

The Chair ruled that the motion could be entertained only under a suspension of the rules, as the time for reopening the schools after the summer vacation was already established by the Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, the rules were suspended to permit the passage of the motion.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The motion as amended passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Bateman, Bennett, Berridge, Brett, Burrill, Courtney, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, and Strange —18.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Calderwood, Coolidge, and Nichols — 4.

Absent: Messrs. Bowdlear and Campbell.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That the High Schools reopen after the summer vacation on the second Wednesday in September in each year.

Date of reopening High Schools in September.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Additional accommodations, Gaston District.

Ordered, That extra accommodations for two classes in the Gaston District be furnished for the school year 1899–1900.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; appointment, transfer, and removal of directors, principals and instructors. [See p. 255.]

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — June 13 — an order relative to the amendment of Section 60 of the Rules, reported that they have considered the matter, and are in favor of the proposed amendment. They recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the rules be amended as follows:

SECTION 60. Add the following to the first paragraph of said section: "*Provided*, that all such appointments, transfers and removals shall be approved by the committee in charge before being presented to the Board," so that said paragraph shall read as follows:

He shall, after consultation with members of the Board of Supervisors, and subject to the approval of the Board, appoint, transfer and remove all directors, principals and other instructors; *Provided*, that in the case of subordinate instructors he shall also consult the principal of the school, if any, to which the action relates, and with the appropriate director if the action relates to his department; *provided*, that all such appointments, transfers and removals shall be approved by the committee in charge before being presented to the Board.

Mr. Anderson stated that he dissented from the foregoing report.

The report was accepted.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the rules were suspended to permit the passage of the order.

Amendment.

Mr. Anderson offered the following amendment to the order appended to the report of the committee:

Ordered, That the proposed amendment to Section 60 of the rules be amended by striking out the words "approved by" and substituting "submitted to," so that the amendment shall read: "*Provided* that all

such appointments, transfers and removals shall be submitted to the committee in charge before being presented to the Board."

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to amend.

The motion to amend was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, and Mrs. Fifield — 7.

Nays: Messrs. Berridge, Brett, Calderwood, Davison, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, Nichols, and Strange — 13.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Aldrich, Bowdlear, Campbell, and Fleischer.

The order as offered by the Committee on Rules and Regulations passed.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Use of room in Emerson School-house for ward-room. [See pp. 271, 272.]

Ordered, That the City Council be granted the use of a room in the basement of the Emerson School-house for ward-room purposes, provided that the same be without expense to this Board.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following:

Salary due T. Henry Wason, deceased.

Ordered, That the salary due T. Henry Wason, deceased, late sub-master in the Brimmer School, be paid to his widow, Anna W. Wason.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mrs. Keller it was

Use of yard and basement of Auburn School granted Brighthelmstone Club.

Ordered, That the use of the yard and basement of the Auburn School, Brighton, be granted to the Brighthelmstone Club during the summer for vacation school purposes, the same to be without expense to the city.

Appointment of Committee on annual report.

The Chair appointed the following committee on the annual report:

Messrs. Campbell, Nichols, and Merritt.

Approved.

The Chair read the following:

Petition from W. F. Adams, *et als.*; site for new Primary School-house, Dorchester Centre District.

To the Honorable School Commitee of Boston:

We, the undersigned residents of Dorchester Centre, understanding that a location is about to be chosen here for the much needed Primary School building, would hereby respectfully request and urge that said site be selected on as *high land* as possible, and away from our main business thoroughfare.

We believe a lot located somewhere on or near Greenbrier street would be the best for everybody concerned.

We do not favor the Charles-street lot on account of the low land, the close proximity to a public stable, and the fact that the electric and steam cars pass near by. W. F. ADAMS (and ninety others).

Referred to the Commitee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

BOSTON, June 26, 1899.

Communications from Eben Bumstead; character of children's Fourth of July entertainments

To the President and Members of the Boston School Committee:

The School Committee having granted to the City Government the use of school halls for entertainments to be given on the Fourth of July to school children, and as school-houses are under the care of the School Board for the moral and intellectual training of the young, it would appear that the Board may properly require that all entertainments be in harmony with such training and free from everything offensive to the sanctity of youth.

Your petitioners, therefore, request that the School Board take such action as will guarantee that the children's entertainments which are to be given in the school-houses this year, be clean, wholesome and ennobling, and respectfully present the enclosed memorial which has already been laid befor His Honor the Mayor.

Among the signers will be found members of the School Committee whose names, it is only just to add, were written prior to the determination to present the memorial to the School Board.

Respectfully yours,

EBEN BUMSTEAD.

(Enclosure.)

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Petitions from residents of West Rox-

The Chair presented petitions from William H. Gleason *et als.*, Mary E. Cronin *et als.*, Ferdinand Kern

et als., and Rudolph Weber *et als.*, with regard to a teacher in the Robert G. Shaw District.

bury; instructor in Robert G. Shaw District.

Referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Ordered, That extra accommodations be furnished for two classes in the George Putnam District.

Additional accommodations, George Putnam District.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the order with regard to limiting the length of speeches at the Annual School Festival was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Speeches of invited guests at Annual School Festival. [See p. 190.]

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO.

Secretary.

In School Committee, July 31, 1899.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past three o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Bateman, Bennett, Bowdlear, Burrill, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Kenny and Strange.

The Chair read the call for the meeting, viz.:

Call for meeting.

Boston School Committee,
Mason-street Building,
July 24, 1899.

To Members of the School Committee:

I hereby call a special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, to be held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, July 31, 1899, at 3.30 o'clock, P.M., to take action on certain school-house plans and contracts, and to transact such other business as the committee may desire.

Respectfully,

H. D. HUGGAN,
President.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Merritt, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, and the records of the two last meetings were approved as printed.

Appointment and reappointment of instructors. [See pp. 274, 275.]

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments and reappointments of instructors as presented by the Superintendent at the meeting of June 27, with the exception of the appointment of the Director of Physical Training, which appointment required approval by ballot.

The appointments and reappointments of instructors were approved.

Term of service of teachers appointed by Superintendent June 13 and 27.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, it was

Ordered, That the terms of service of the teachers appointed on probation by the Superintendent on June 13 and June 27, respectively, date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Election of Director of Physical Training. [See p. 275.]

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the Board proceeded to the election of a Director of Physical Training.

Mr. Gallivan placed in nomination the name of Dr. James B. Fitzgerald.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Mr. Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Nichols a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 15; necessary for a choice, 13. Hartvig Nissen had 2 votes; Dr. James B. Fitzgerald had 13 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Director of Physical Training.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land taken on Pearl street.

CITY OF BOSTON,
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, July 18, 1899.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with the executors of the estate of Thomas Doane, upon the sum of eleven thousand dollars as payment for their estate on Pearl street, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes, by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon the said executors giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the meeting of June 29, was read:

Expenditure for washing floors of various schoolhouses. [See p. 286.]

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars ($2,250) for expenses con-

nected with the washing of the floors of the various school-houses during the summer vacation.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the meeting of June 27, was read:

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house on Webster avenue, Brighton, be named the Frederick A. Whitney School, in honor of the late Frederick A. Whitney.

Naming of new Primary School-house, Webster avenue. [See pp. 167, 174, 191, 258, 277.]

Passed, 15 members voting in the affirmative.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the meeting of June 27, was read:

Ordered, That there be paid to the Trustees of the estate of Bradley M. Clark the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars ($6,500) as payment for their estate on School street, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon said Trustees giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Purchase of land on School street, Charlestown, for school purposes. [See pp. 272, 273, 278.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the meeting of June 27, was read:

Ordered, That there be paid to Benjamin L. Keith and the Heirs of William H. Keith the sum of eighty-two hundred dollars ($8,200) as payment for their estate at the corner of Pearl and Bartlett streets, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon their giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Purchase of land on Pearl and Bartlett streets for school purposes. [See pp. 272, 273, 278.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the meeting of June 27, was read:

Ordered, That the amount realized from the sale of land on Comins terrace, Roxbury, surrendered to the

Additional appropriation for new Primary

School-house on Munroe street. [See p. 278.]

City Council, Dec. 13, 1898, viz., $437.50, be appropriated for New Primary School-house, Munroe street, additional.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the meeting of June 29, was read:

American System of Music authorized as additional text-books. [See p. 286.]

Ordered, That the American System of Music, by Zuchtmann, published by the King-Richardson Publishing Company, be authorized for use as additional text-books in music in the Grammar and Primary Schools.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, laid on the table.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the meeting of June 29, was read:

Payment to H. S. Dudley for cleaning Denison House Kindergarten. [See p. 285.]

Ordered, That there be paid to H. S. Dudley, for the Denison House Association, the sum of eight dollars ($8) for cleaning the Denison House Kindergarten from May 1 to June 26, 1899.

Passed.

Reappointment of instructors.

The Superintendent presented, for the approval of the Board, the following reappointments of instructors for the year 1899–1900, to date from September 1, 1899, made to correct clerical errors in School Document No. 6, 1899, "Appointments for Re-election":

FIRST DIVISION.

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee.

Lyman District.—Mary E. Williams, First Assistant, Primary School.

SECOND DIVISION.

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee.

Warren District.—Abbie M. Mott, First Assistant, Grammar School.

Rules suspended.

The reappointments were approved, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

Ordered, That the accompanying plans and specifications, prepared by Hartwell, Richardson & Driver, architects, for heating and ventilating the new High School Building in Dorchester, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward in the sum of $25,700 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications; the said firm being the lowest bidder.

Approval of plans and specifications for heating and ventilating new Dorchester High School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the accompanying plans and specifications, prepared by Herbert D. Hale, architect, for heating and ventilating the High School Building in South Boston, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward in the sum of $24,274 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications, the said firm being the lowest bidder.

Approval of plans and specifications for heating and ventilating High School-house in South Boston.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that they have advertised for and received proposals for heating, plumbing and plastering the new Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, and in accordance with the Rules they recommend that the heating and plumbing contracts be respectively awarded to the lowest bidders. They believe, however, that the lowest bid for plastering is too high, as it exceeds the architect's estimate of the cost of the work nearly $5,000. It is their intention, therefore, to obtain

Report of Committee on New Buildings; execution of contracts for heating and plumbing the Quincy and Perth-streets School-house.

new bids at a later date for this work, which they hope will result to the advantage of the city. The committee recommend the passage of the following orders:

Ordered, That the accompanying plans and specifications for heating and ventilating the new Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company in the sum of $10,998 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications; the said concern being the lowest bidder.

Ordered, That the accompanying plans and specifications for a plumbing system for the new Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with D. L. Billings & Co., in the sum of $7,865 for furnishing and installing a plumbing system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications; the said firm being the lowest bidder.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Aldrich moved a suspension of the rules to permit the passage of the orders.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the orders were taken up separately.

The motion to suspend the rules to permit the passage of the first order was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor, and the order was accordingly laid over, under the rule.

Rules suspended.

The second order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to prepare a form of contract to be made with architects of school buildings, and to execute such contracts with such architects whose plans have been approved by this Board.

Form of contract to be made with architects of school buildings.

Mr. Anderson moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost.

Mr. Anderson offered the following substitute order:

Ordered, That the Law Department of the city be requested to prepare a form for contracts to be made with architects, to be submitted to this Board for its approval.

The motion to substitute was lost.

The Chair stated that the question was on the passage of the order offered by Mr. Aldrich.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that under paragraph 7 of section 36 of the Rules, the Committee on New Buildings could not make or authorize a contract of any kind excepting in case of pressing necessity for temporary accommodations, until it had been approved by the Board, and that therefore the order offered by Mr. Aldrich could not be entertained except under a suspension of the rules.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Anderson appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained by a vote of 10 to 4.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, the order offered by Mr. Aldrich was amended by adding the following words: These contracts shall be null and void unless approved by the Board.

The order as amended, passed.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to rent the house numbered 20 Mt. Vernon street, Dorchester District, for school purposes, at a rental of $1,200 per year.

Rental of 20 Mt. Vernon street, Dorchester, for school purposes.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; selection of site for new Normal School-house.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that in accordance with the order passed by the Board, at its meeting of May 23, proposals for selling to the city a lot of land for a site for a new Normal School-house have been advertised for and received, and a public hearing granted, in accordance with chapter 202, of the Acts of 1897. Your committee now recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for a site for a new Normal School-house, a parcel of land supposed to belong to R. J. Campbell, and bounded and described as follows: Northwest by Huntington avenue, about 250 feet; northeast by land supposed to belong to Joseph Feldman, about 120 feet; southeast by a 16-foot passageway, leading from Gainsborough street, about 250 feet; and southwest by land supposed to belong now or formerly to Franklin Haven, Jr., *et als.*, trustees, about 120 feet; containing thirty thousand (30,000) square feet more or less.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; selection of site for new Grammar School-house in Tileston District.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that in accordance with the order passed by the Board at its meeting of June 13, proposals for selling to the city a lot of land in Dorchester for a site for a new Grammar School-house in the Tileston District have been advertised for and received, and a public hearing granted, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897. Your committee now recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for a site for a new Grammar School-house in the Dorchester District, a parcel of land supposed to belong to Catherine Elms, and bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly by Norfolk street about one hundred feet; northeasterly by the proposed line of Morton street, as widened, about two hundred feet; northwesterly by land supposed to belong to Charles A. Ufford and to Samuel B. Capen about one hundred fifty feet; and southwesterly by other land of Catherine Elms about two hundred feet, containing thirty thousand (30,000) square feet, more or less.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Merritt, the rules were suspended to permit the passage of the order.

Rules suspended.

The order was declared passed.

Mr. McDonough doubted the vote, and a rising vote was ordered.

The order passed by a vote of 11 to 1.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a Primary School-house at Brighton, prepared by Whitman & Hood, architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to contract with Whitman & Hood, to be the architects of the work; and to advertise for proposals to erect and complete the same substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Approval of plans and specifications for new Primary School-house, Brighton.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
July 31, 1899.

To the Committee on New Buildings, Boston, Mass.:

SIRS,—I have examined with care the plans and specifications for the proposed new Primary School-house in the Bennett District, Brighton, said plans having been made, and said specifica-

tions having been prepared by Whitman & Hood, architects, 62 Devonshire street, Boston. These plans consist of eleven (11) blue prints of drawings. They and the specifications are hereby approved by me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order was laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee offered the following:

Approval of plans and specifications for new Grammar School-house, East Boston.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a Grammar School-house at East Boston, prepared by Greenleaf & Cobb, architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to contract with Greenleaf & Cobb to be the architects of the work; and to advertise for proposals to erect and complete the same substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
July 31, 1899.

To the Committee on New Buildings Boston, Mass.:

SIRS,—I have examined with care the plans and specifications for the proposed new Grammar School-house in the Chapman District, East Boston; said plans having been made and said specifications having been prepared, by Greenleaf & Cobb, architects, 1017 Tremont Building, Boston. These plans consist of eleven (11) blue prints of drawings. They and the specifications are hereby approved by me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Mr. Aldrich moved a suspension of the rules to permit the passage of the order, and of the preceding order, relating to the Primary School-house at Brighton.

The motion to suspend the rules was declared passed. Mr. Anderson doubted the vote, and a rising vote was ordered.

Rules suspended.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost by a vote of 10 to 3, and the orders were accordingly laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans and specifications for new Grammar School-house, South Boston.

Ordered, That the plans for a Grammar School-house at South Boston, prepared by Charles J. Bateman, architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to contract with Charles J. Bateman to be the architect of the work; and to advertise for proposals to erect and complete the same substantially in accordance with said plans.

Accompanying the plans was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
July 31, 1899.

To the Committee on New Buildings:

SIRS,—I have examined with care the plans and specifications for the proposed new Grammar School-house in the Bigelow District, South Boston, said plans having been made and said specifications having been prepared by Charles J. Bateman, architect, 19 Exchange place, Boston. These plans consist of eight (8) blue prints of drawings, and they are hereby approved by me. The specifications, as at present drawn, do not receive my approval.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order was laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appropriation for new Primary school-house, Forest Hills.

Ordered, That from the various sums appropriated for purposes named out of the amounts granted the School Committee, under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, and chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897 respectively, the following transfers be made to the appropriation, new Primary School-house, Forest Hills, additional, the same being unexpended balances not required for the purposes for which they were originally appropriated:

School-house site, west of railroad, Roslindale .	$911 90
Longfellow School-house, Roslindale, west of the railroad, additional	153 19

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; execution of addition to contract for heating and ventilating Baker-street school-house.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that when the construction of the new Baker-street Primary School-house was begun, assurances were received that the necessary sewer for the accommodation of this building would be laid early in the present summer. The committee are now informed by the Superintendent of Streets that it will not be possible to construct a sewer this year, and it will therefore be necessary to provide some means for the disposal of the sewage from the building before it can be occupied for school purposes. Your committee have given the matter very careful investigation, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an addition to the contract of Huey Bros., for furnishing a heating and ventilating system for the Baker-street School-house, in the sum of $675, for building and setting a boiler-iron tank to receive the sewage from this school-house; and that they also be authorized to order necessary excavating for said tank by day labor, as an addition to the general contract of George M. Pratt.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of G. A. Cahill for erecting a Primary School building at Forest Hills, in the sum of $387, for furnishing and laying brick trenches in the basement of said school-house, and covering the same with North river stone 12 inches wide, to meet the requirements of the building laws. Execution of addition to contract of G. A. Cahill.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to the executors of the estate of Thomas Doane the sum of eleven thousand dollars ($11,000), as payment for their estate on Pearl street, Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon the said executors giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department. Award for land taken on Pearl street, Charlestown. [See p. 306.]

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to approve the payment of the sum of two and $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars ($2.75) to Perkins & Betton, architects of the new Primary School-house at Forest Hills, for test made, by order of the committee, of brick used in said building. Payment to Perkins & Betton.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that in their opinion the necessary temporary accommodations for pupils in the Chapman District, during the Report of Committee on New Buildings; temporary ac-

commodations, Chapman District.

construction of the new grammar building, can best be provided by placing five classes in the vestry of the Trinity Baptist Church, six classes in the Masonic Block, two classes in the Webb School-house, and three classes in the Austin School-house, the use of which latter building the City Council has been requested to allow for school purposes. The estimated cost of carrying this plan into effect is $8,140, which amount includes six months rent for accommodations which are to be furnished in the church and Masonic Block, and the entire cost of necessary fittings, repairs, moving and setting up of furniture. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to provide temporary accommodations in the Chapman District substantially in accordance with the foregoing report, and at an expense not to exceed that specified therein.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies, offered the following:

Leave of absence to William J. Porter.

Ordered, That in consideration of twenty years of faithful and continuous service, William J. Porter, Auditing Clerk, be granted leave of absence from October 1, 1899 to January 1, 1900; and that during said absence his duties be performed by M. Lewis Crosby.

Passed, unanimously, by a rising vote.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Second laboratory assistant, English High School.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools are hereby authorized to employ a second laboratory assistant in the English High School at a salary of five hundred dollars ($500) per annum, until otherwise ordered.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on

Mr. Berridge, for the Committee on School Houses,

to whom was referred — June 13 — an order that a room in the basement of the Bowdoin School-house be fitted up, during the summer vacation for a class in woodworking, reported that the condition of the appropriation available for expenditure upon school buildings does not warrant the incurring of the expense necessary to carry out the provisions of the order, and they therefore recommend that no further action be taken by the Board with regard to the matter at the present time.

School Houses; room in basement of Bowdoin School-house fitted up for class in woodworking. [See p. 256.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $6,500 for improving the sanitary condition of the Frothingham School-house, Charlestown District; provided that competitive bids be obtained for all items in connection with said work in excess of $500.

Expenditure for improving sanitary condition of Frothingham School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to expend the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000) for retinting the walls and ceilings of the Latin-English High School-house.

Expenditure for retinting walls and ceilings of Latin-English High School-house.

Passed, under suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Corporation Counsel; election of persons in employ of Boston School Committee.

CITY OF BOSTON, LAW DEPARTMENT,
73 TREMONT STREET, BOSTON, July 31, 1899.

HENRY D. HUGGAN, ESQ.,
President, Boston School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

DEAR SIR, — In reply to your inquiry as to "whether the provisions of chapter 170 of the Acts of the year 1899 apply to the election of officers, teachers, janitors, and other persons in the employ of the Boston School Committee," I have to say:

While the question is not free from doubt and is very close, the

act, in my opinion, does not apply to the School Committee or any election by it. The act provides that whenever "in any city the election of any city officer is vested in the Common Council, or in the Board of Aldermen, or in both acting jointly or concurrently, or in any other municipal body or board, the election shall not be valid unless it is made by a viva voce vote," etc. Chapter 129 of the Acts of the same year provides that "when the election of any city officer is vested in the Common Council, or in the Board of Aldermen, or in both acting jointly or concurrently, the election shall not be valid unless it is made by a yea and nay vote," etc.

It seems to me that the second act intended to correct an omission in the first act and a correction in the method of voting, as the Legislature probably determined on inspection of the first act, that a vote by yea and nay was not an election, and that they had not made provision for the election of certain officers who were elected by boards of the city, such as Trustees of the Boston Public Library, Boston City Hospital, Children's Institutions, etc., and that the "city officers," contemplated in the last named act were the "city officers" intended in the first named act. Furthermore, it has been decided by the courts that teachers of public schools are not public officers, and are therefore not city officers within the meaning of the term; and, inasmuch as the teachers of the public schools are among the most important employees of the city chosen by the School Committee, it does not seem to me that if the Legislature excluded them from the operation of the last act, they could possibly have intended to include others of less importance; and, therefore, that the Legislature intended by the term "city officers" in both those acts the city officers that are generally understood to be meant by that term; that is, officers connected with the city government elected by the City Council, or the Board of Aldermen, or by both acting jointly or concurrently, or by boards of trustees and other boards appointed by the Mayor. Still, as I have said before, the question is a very close one, and it seems to me that I do not depart much from what is expected of me if I advise the committee that the best method to be pursued in the election of Secretary of the Board, Superintendent and Supervisors of the public schools would be in the manner prescribed by said chapter 170.

Respectfully,

ANDREW J. BAILEY,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

Orders relative to extension of summer vaca-

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the orders passed at the meetings of May 23 and June 13 (see Minutes, pages

217 and 246) whereby two reports from the Committee on Rules and Regulations relative to the extension of the summer vacation were declared accepted, were rescinded.

tions rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the aforesaid reports were recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were recommitted — July 31 — their reports presented at the meetings of May 9 and June 13, with regard to communications from the City and Common Council requesting the School Committee to extend the length of the summer vacation for the public schools, reported that in view of the action of the Board at its meeting of June 29, they recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that a regulation has been adopted providing that the public schools shall reopen after the summer vacation on the second Wednesday of September in each year.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; extension of summer vacation. [See pp. 188, 189, 195, 217, 246, 299.]

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of regulations; extension of summer vacation.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 236. Strike out the words "the first Monday in September," in the second and third lines. Strike out the words "Tuesday following the first Monday," in the thirteenth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "second Wednesday," so that the section will read as follows:

SECTION 236. The following holidays and vacations shall be granted to the schools, viz.: every Saturday; the half day before Thanksgiving day and the remainder of the week; the half day before Christmas day; one week, commencing with Christmas day; New Year's day; the Twenty-second of February; Good Friday; the Nineteenth of April; the week immediately preceding the second Monday in April; Decoration day; the Seventeenth of June; and to the Primary Schools from the Friday preceding the week of graduating exercises in the schools; and to the Normal, High, and Grammar Schools from their respective graduating

exercises to the second Wednesday in September. The President of the Board is authorized to suspend the schools, not exceeding six sessions, in each municipal year. No other holiday shall be allowed except by vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board present; and no school shall be suspended on any other occasion, except for important reasons peculiar to that school, and then only by express permission of the Superintendent.

SECTION 247. Strike out the words "Tuesday following the first Monday" in the second and third lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "second Wednesday," so that the section will read as follows:

SECTION 247. The regular promotion of pupils from grade to grade shall be made on the second Wednesday in September and on the first Monday in February. Promotions of individual pupils may be made at any time by the principal of the district, with the approval of the supervisor in charge.

SECTION 265. Strike out the words "Tuesday following the first Monday," in the tenth and eleventh lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "second Wednesday," so that the section will read as follows:

SECTION 265. Graduates of the Grammar Schools to whom diplomas have been awarded shall be admitted to the Latin Schools, without examination, or to such advanced classes thereof as their qualifications may entitle them to enter. Other applicacants for admission shall be at least eleven years of age, and shall present certificates of character from the principals of the schools they last attended, and pass an examination equivalent to that required for admission to the seventh grade of the Grammar Schools, on the third Saturday in June, and on the second Wednesday in September, the questions for such examinations to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Candidates for admission to the Latin Schools must present a written statement from parents or guardians of their intention to give such candidates a collegiate education.

SECTION 267. Strike out the words "Tuesday and Wednesday following the first Monday," in the fourth and fifth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "second Wednesday and following Thursday," so that the section will read as follows:

SECTION 267. The examination of applicants for admission to the High Schools who are not graduates of the Grammar Schools, shall take place on the third Friday and Saturday in June, and on the second Wednesday and following Thursday in September, and shall be conducted at the same time in each study, and with the same questions, which shall be adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Applicants shall present certificates of good character from the principals of the schools they last attended,

and shall pass a satisfactory examination which shall be equivalent to that required for graduation from the Grammar Schools.

SECTION 285. Strike out the words, "Wednesday following the first Monday," in the first and second lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "second Wednesday," and add the following to the section as a separate paragraph :

The examination of applicants for admission to this school who are not graduates of the High Schools, fourth-year course, shall take place on the second Wednesday and following Thursday in September, so that the section will read as follows :

SECTION 285. This school shall begin on the second Wednesday in September, and shall close on such day of the week preceding the Fourth of July, as the Board may direct.

The examination of applicants for admission to this school who are not graduates of the High Schools, fourth-year course, shall take place on the second Wednesday and following Thursday in September.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the rules were suspended, the order read twice, and passed. Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, reported the death of Josephine Gay, late principal of the Shurtleff Kindergarten, which occurred on June 29, 1899. Report of Committee on Sixth Division; death of Josephine Gay.

Accepted.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following :

Ordered. That there be paid to Charles McLaughlin, janitor of the Washington Allston School, the sum of six dollars ($6) for cleaning the floor of the kindergarten in that district during the past term Payment to Charles McLaughlin.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 13 — an order that George A. Tyzzer, sub-master in the Dwight District, be placed upon the second year of service in his rank from the date of his appointment, reported that they have investigated the matter and find that Mr. Tyzzer has had fourteen years' experience in teaching, and before entering the service was receiving a larger salary in another city than he is Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of George A. Tyzzer. [See p. 256.]

now paid. Your committee believe that it is only just that Mr. Tyzzer should be allowed credit for his long experience, and should receive more than the minimum salary of a sub-master, more especially as favorable consideration has been given during the past two years to several sub-masters under similar circumstances in other districts. Your committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That George A. Tyzzer, sub-master in the Dwight District, be placed upon the second year of service in his rank to date from April 25, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Amanda C. Ellison. [See p. 298.]

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, who were requested — June 29 — to investigate and report whether or not Amanda C. Ellison, assistant Primary School, Dearborn District, has received the full amount of credit for previous service to which she is entitled under the regulations, report that the previous service of the teacher in question has been more than sufficient to warrant her receiving the maximum amount of credit allowed, and they, therefore, recommend the passage of the following order, the effect of which will merely be to place her upon the year of service in her rank to which she is entitled under the rules of the Board:

Ordered, That Amanda C. Ellison, assistant, Primary School, Dearborn District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from April 13, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE August 15, 1899.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at three o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Bowdlear, Fleischer, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald and Strange.

The Chair read the call for the meeting, viz.: Call for meeting.

BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
MASON-STREET BUILDING,
August 10, 1899.

To Members of the School Committee:

I hereby call a special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, to be held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, on Tuesday, August 15, 1899, at 3 o'clock P.M., to take action on orders laid over at the meeting of July 31, 1899, and to transact such other business as the committee may desire.

Respectfully,
H. D. HUGGAN,
President.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That from the various sums appropriated for purposes named out of the amounts granted the School Committee, under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, and chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, respectively, the following transfers be made to the appropriation, new Primary School-house, Forest Hills, additional, the

Appropriation for new Primary school-house, Forest Hills. [See p. 316.]

same being unexpended balances not required for the purposes for which they were originally appropriated:

School-house site, west of railroad, Roslindale .	$911 90
Longfellow School-house, Roslindale, west of the railroad, additional	153 19

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Payment for land taken on Pearl street, Charlestown. [See pp. 306, 317.]

Ordered, That there be paid to the executors of the estate of Thomas Doane the sum of eleven thousand dollars ($11,000), as payment for their estate on Pearl street, Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon the said executors giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Payment to Perkins & Betton. [See p. 317.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to approve the payment of the sum of two and $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars ($2.75) to Perkins & Betton, architects of the new Primary School-house at Forest Hills, for test made, by order of the committee, of brick used in said building.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Approval of plans and specifications for heating and ventilating Quincy and Perth streets Grammar School-house. [See p. 310.]

Ordered, That the accompanying plans and specifications for heating and ventilating the new Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company in

the sum of $10,998 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications; the said concern being the lowest bidder.

Mr. Coolidge moved that the order be laid over to the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Coolidge's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Nichols. — 8.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Campbell, Courtney, Davison, Gallivan, Huggan, McDonough, and Merritt. — 8.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Bennett, Berridge, Bowdlear, Fleischer, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald, and Strange. — 8.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the order.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Bennett, Berridge, Campbell, Courtney, Davison, Gallivan, Huggan, McDonough, Merritt, and Nichols. — 11.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, and Mrs. Fifield. — 7.

Absent: Messrs. Bowdlear, Fleischer, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald, and Strange. — 6.

Mr. Courtney moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the order was declared passed, hoping the same would not prevail.

Lost.

The following order laid over, under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Approval of plans and specifications for new Pri-

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a Primary School-house at Brighton, prepared by Whitman & Hood, architects, having been approved by the

mary School-house, Brighton. [See p. 313.]

Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to contract with Whitman & Hood, to be the architects of the work, and to advertise for proposals to erect and complete the same substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Passed.

The following order, laid over, under the rule, at the last meeting, was read:

Selection of site for new Normal School-house. [See p. 312.]

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for a site for a new Normal School-house, a parcel of land supposed to belong to R. J. Campbell, and bounded and described as follows: Northwest by Huntington avenue, about 250 feet; northeast by land supposed to belong to Joseph Feldman, about 120 feet; southeast by a 16-foot passageway, leading from Gainsborough street about 250 feet; and southwest by land supposed to belong now or formerly to Franklin Haven, Jr., *et als.*, trustees, about 120 feet; containing thirty thousand (30,000) square feet more or less.

On motion of Mr Anderson, the order was laid on the table by a vote of 11 to 4.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Approval of plans and specifications for new Grammar School-house, East Boston. [See p. 314.]

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a Grammar School-house at East Boston, prepared by Greenleaf & Cobb, architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to contract with Greenleaf & Cobb to be the architects of the work, and to advertise for proposals to erect and complete the same substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the plans for a Grammar School-house at South Boston, prepared by Charles J. Bateman, architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to contract with Charles J. Bateman to be the architect of the work, and to advertise for proposals to erect and complete the same substantially in accordance with said plans.

Approval of plans and specifications for new Grammar School-house, South Boston. [See p. 315.]

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the order was amended by inserting the words "and specifications," after the word "plans" in the first and last lines.

The order as amended passed.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, it was

Ordered, That the Benjamin Dean School-house, at the corner of H and East Sixth streets, South Boston, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Acceptance of Benjamin Dean School-house.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, it was,

Ordered, That the Frederick A. Whitney School-house, Webster avenue, Allston, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Acceptance of Frederick A. Whitney School-house.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 29 — an order that extra accommodations be furnished for two classes in the George Putnam District, report that they have investigated the matter, and they now recommend the passage of the following order.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; temporary school accommodations in George Putnam District.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to provide temporary accommodations in the ward-room near Boylston Station for a class of

pupils in the George Putnam District at an approximate expense of one hundred seventy-five dollars ($175) for fittings, and three hundred fifty dollars ($350) rental per year.

Mr. Gallivan moved that the report and order be laid on the table.

Lost by a vote of 5 to 8.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the rules were suspended, and the order passed.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Temporary school accommodations for pupils in Wells District.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to provide temporary accommodations in the Chambers-street Chapel for a class of pupils in the Wells District, at a rental of six hundred dollars ($600) per annum, from Sept. 1, 1899.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Old school-house on Webster avenue, Brighton.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be notified that the old wooden school building on Webster avenue, Brighton, for which John Nixon has made application for a permit to allow him to make alterations so as to convert the said building into a tenement house, was sold by the city of Boston at public auction June 23, 1899, subject to the following condition: That the same will be removed in fifteen (15) days, and if not removed in fifteen (15) days from date of sale, then the title shall revest in city, and may be otherwise disposed of by the authorities in charge, and the purchaser shall have no claim against the city for or on account of the purchase price paid. That the conversion of this old school-house into a large tenement house situated within eight feet of the division line between the school-house lot and the Putnam lot will deprive the school-house of

the proper amount of light, and will be detrimental to the proper use of the school-house, and this Board therefore protests against the issuing of the permit asked for.

Passed.

Mr. Courtney moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the foregoing order was declared passed, hoping the same would not prevail.

Lost.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Execution of addition to contracts for heating and ventilating new High School buildings.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute orders of addition to the contracts for heating and ventilating the new high school buildings specified, in the sums named, for the adoption of the Sidney Smith method of boiler setting:

South Boston High School-house . . .	$975 00
East Boston High School-house . . .	750 00
Dorchester High School-house . . .	1,050 00

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; contract for erecting Munroe-street Primary School-house.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that the contract with John McNamara & Sons for erecting a Primary School-house on Munroe street, Roxbury, has been abandoned, owing to the death of the late John McNamara. Acting under the advice of the Law Department your committee have notified the surety on the bond of said contractors to carry out said contract to completion if they so desire, and that failing to do so the city will take possession of and complete the work, holding the surety responsible for any additional cost over the contract price. Your committee will report later with regard to any further action which it may be found necessary to take.

Accepted.

Report of

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that

Committee on New Buildings; proposals for moving Winship School-house.

they have obtained proposals for moving the Winship School-house to the rear of its present site, and fitting it up for occupancy during the erection of the new building on that lot, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to expend amounts not exceeding those severally specified herein in connection with the removal of the present Winship School-house to make room for the new building.

Moving	$383 00
Excavating and masonry	600 00
Carpentry	1,200 00
Plumbing	190 00
Heating	208 00

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Contracts with architects.

Ordered, That whenever the Committee on New Buildings are authorized to erect a school building under the supervision of an architect they make a contract with him in the accompanying form.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was laid on the table by a vote of 11 to 4.

Mr. Berridge, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following:

Execution of contracts for improving the sanitary condition of Frothingham School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to execute the following contracts for improving the sanitary condition of the Frothingham School-house, Charlestown; the said firms being the lowest bidders:

Plumbing, John P. Conlon	$1,775
Mason and other work, James Hyde	2,677

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the use of two rooms on the lower floor of the Winthrop School-house be granted the School-house Agent for office purposes; and the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to expend an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars ($2,000) for fitting and furnishing the same.

Use of two rooms on lower floor of Winthrop School-house granted School-house Agent for office purposes.

Mr. Davison moved a suspension of the rules to permit the passage of the order.

Mr. Davison's motion was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor, and the order was accordingly laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) each be transferred from the following-named items in the appropriation bill for 1899–1900, Salaries of Instructors, Fuel, Gas and Water, and Supplies and Incidentals (a total of fifteen thousand dollars) to the item Repairs and Alterations upon School Buildings, making the total appropriation for Repairs and Alterations upon School Buildings two hundred and sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars ($267,500).

Transfer of amounts in appropriation bill for 1899–1900.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, it was

Ordered, That a special committee of five be appointed to consider and formulate a plan for the instruction in music in the public schools.

Special committee to consider and formulate plan for instruction in music in public schools.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings report to this Board the reasons, if any, why the appropriation for the Quincy and Perth Streets School will be exceeded.

Appropriation for Quincy and Perth Street School exceeded.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, September 12, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Bowdlear, Calderwood, Davison, and Fleischer.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the records of the meeting of June 29, on page 286, were amended by substituting the word "Ancient" for the word "American" in the second line of the first paragraph of the modification of the course of study in the Girls' High School.

Records of meeting of June 29 amended. [See p. 286.]

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the use of two rooms on the lower floor of the Winthrop School-house be granted the School-house Agent for office purposes; and the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to expend an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars ($2,000) for fitting and furnishing the same.

Use of two rooms on lower floor of Winthrop School-house granted School-house Agent for office purposes. [See p. 333.]

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, laid on the table.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute orders of addition to the contracts for heating and ventilating the new High

Execution of additions to contracts for heating and

ventilating new High School buildings.

School buildings specified, in the sums named, for the adoption of the Sidney Smith method of boiler-setting:

South Boston High School-house . . .	$975
East Boston High School-house	750
Dorchester High School-house	1,050

Passed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land taken on Bartlett and School streets.

CITY OF BOSTON,
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, CITY HALL,
September 1, 1899.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Francis G. Sager upon the sum of eighty-five hundred dollars, as payment for his estate at the corner of Bartlett and School streets, at Charlestown, taken by the City of Boston for school purposes April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon said Sager giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair presented the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor concerning heating and ventilating system to be installed in new grammar school-house, Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester. [See pp. 310, 326.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, BOSTON,
August 30, 1899.

To the School Committee:

I return herewith, without my approval, the order passed by your Board, August 15th, authorizing the execution of a contract with the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Co. for heating and ventilating the new grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester. Owing to the fact that my investigations into the matter occupied more than ten days, although I have endeavored to hasten them as much as possible, the order has gone into effect without my signature. I have, however, relied upon the fact that the contract authorized by this order could not be finally concluded without my signature, and upon the knowledge of the sub-committee of your Board having this matter in charge, that I was at least in doubt in regard to giving my sanction to it.

While I regret to interfere with such action as the School Committee may deem proper in a matter of this character, I feel obliged, in view of the importance of the precedent which would

be made by this contract. and in view of my belief that the heating of large school buildings by the furnace system would be seriously detrimental to the best interests of the city, to notify your Board of my unwillingness to sign the proposed contract; and in doing so I may call attention to the fact that this order was only passed by a vote of eleven yeas against seven nays, as indicating that there is at least a serious difference of opinion in the School Committee itself as to the propriety of the policy proposed.

The question of the relative merits of steam and furnace systems of heating in school-houses is an old one, and your committee is fully aware of the fact that the Consulting Architect of the city has, since his appointment, nearly four years ago, consistently opposed the use of the furnace system in school-houses, except for small buildings, and that my action upon such matters is largely guided by his advice. In view of the fact that your Board deliberately decided not to accept the opinion of the Consulting Architect upon this question, I have thought it proper to make a careful personal inquiry into the merits of the controversy and to take the opinion of other disinterested experts. I have listened at length to all of the arguments which have been brought forward by members of the sub-committee of your Board favoring the furnace system, and of the representative of the company to which the committee proposed to award the contract; and after such inquiry I cannot escape coming to the conclusion that the claims which are made as to the advantages of the furnace system, at least in so large a building as the school-house in question, are unfounded, and that the use of that system in such a building is clearly opposed to the best interests of the city, and would not be adopted in good private practice. I have always believed that the best work was demanded in municipal service, and I do not think that our citizens are content with anything else than the best, particularly where the health and comfort of school children are concerned.

The claim has been strongly urged, and figures have been produced which apparently seem to support it, that a given number of rooms can be heated at a less consumption of coal by the furnace system than by the steam system. I am convinced that this claim is entirely fallacious, and I do not believe that any recognized scientific authority can be produced in support of the claim that it is possible in a large building to supply a given degree of heat and a given quantity of ventilation for any less coal with the furnace system than with the steam system. Such a claim seems to me scientifically untenable, and where furnaces seem to burn less coal it must be because less heat or less ventilation is supplied, and this seems to be notoriously the fact.

I transmit herewith a careful report from the Consulting

Architect, and also a further report from Professor S. H. Woodbridge, and I call particular attention to their opinions in regard to this matter. I need not call attention to the fact that Professor Woodbridge is one of the very few recognized ventilation experts in this country, and has a national reputation as such. If scientific investigation is of any value — and civilization advances chiefly through it — it would seem that no good reason could exist why the City of Boston should ignore its results and adopt a policy which would be condemned by the overwhelming weight of expert authority. I may add that the City Engineer has, at my request, carefully been over this matter, and that he fully coincides in the opinions expressed in these two reports.

I desire to call particular attention to the statement of the Consulting Architect, that even economy in first cost — which by no means necessarily implies economy in the long run — is in favor, upon any proper comparative basis, of steam rather than of a hot air plant for this building upon the basis of the bids submitted, the apparent economy of the latter system being due to extra features incorporated in the steam system, which are no more necessary with steam than with furnaces.

For the above reasons, and others more fully set forth in the accompanying reports, I cannot approve any contract for the installation of the furnace system in any building having more than eight or ten rooms at the outside.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

City of Boston,
In School Committee, July 31, 1899.

Ordered, That the accompanying plans and specifications for heating and ventilating the new grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company in the sum of $10,998 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications, the said concern being the lowest bidder.

Passed; yeas 11, nays 7.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, the reading of the aforesaid message was dispensed with, and it was referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

Subsequently, Mr. Aldrich moved that the foregoing order be rescinded.

Mr. Campbell raised the point of order that as the whole matter had been referred to the Committee on New Buildings, the motion offered by Mr. Aldrich could not be entertained.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Aldrich moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the message from His Honor the Mayor with regard to the aforesaid matter was referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

Mr. Aldrich's motion passed by a vote of 12 to 3.

Mr. Aldrich moved the reading of the message from His Honor the Mayor.

Passed.

The Chair began the reading of the message.

Mr. Campbell moved that the Board go into executive session.

Lost.

The message from His Honor the Mayor was read.

Mr. Aldrich moved that the order passed by the Board at its meeting on July 31, awarding the contract for heating this building to the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, be rescinded.

Mr. Aldrich's motion was declared passed.

Mr. Campbell doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered for its verification.

Mr. Aldrich's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Berridge, Brett, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Merritt, Nichols, and Strange — 15.

Nays: Messrs. Campbell, Gallivan, Kenny, McDonald, and McDonough — 5.

Absent: Messrs. Bowdlear, Calderwood, Davison, and Fleischer.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

Award of contract for heating and ventilating new grammar school-house, Quincy and Perth streets.

Ordered, That the accompanying plans and specifications, prepared by A. Warren Gould, architect, for heating and ventilating the new grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward in the sum of twelve thousand nine hundred seventy dollars ($12,970) for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications; the said firm being the lowest bidder.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations.

Agassiz District. — Alice B. White, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Charles C. Perkins School. — Maud P. Marshall, assistant, Sept. 1, 1899.

Denison House. — Gertrude L. Watson, principal, Sept. 1, 1899.

Florence-street School. — Ida P. Wait, assistant, Sept. 13, 1899.

Greenwood Hall. — Alice Fobes, principal, Sept. 1, 1899.

766 Huntington avenue. — Lucy Kummer, principal, Sept. 1, 1899.

Unity Chapel. — Susan M. Mayhew, assistant, Sept. 1, 1899.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointment and confirmations, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Mechanic Arts High School. — John M. Connolly, Cambridge, junior-master, from Sept. 13, 1899. Temporary teacher.

Placed on file.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Boys' Latin School. — John Haynes, Frederick Reed, Herbert T. Rich, junior-masters. Confirmation of teachers.

Girls' Latin School. — Edith H. Wilder, assistant.

East Boston High School. — George D. Bussey, junior-master.

English High School. — Fred R. Miller, junior-master.

Girls' High School. — Thomas H. H. Knight, junior-master.

Dearborn District. — Adaline Beal, first assistant, Primary School. Annie S. Irvin, assistant, Primary School.

Dillaway District. — Ada L. Donkin, assistant, Grammar School.

Frothingham District. — Caroline E. Morse, assistant, Primary School.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Evelyn M. Rich, assistant, Primary School.

Lyman District. — Elizabeth C. Quirk, assistant, Primary School.

Martin District. — M. Louise Wiswall, assistant, Primary School.

Mary Hemenway District. — Mary Polk, assistant, Grammar School.

Roger Clap District. — Grace L. Griffiths, assistant, Grammar School.

Tileston District. — Henry E. Loring, sub-master.

Schools of Cookery. — Mary Cunningham, instructor. Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Lewis District. — Isabel Thacher, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 1, 1899, until Jan. 1, 1900.

Minot District. — Sophia W. French, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Dec. 13, 1899.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Mary E. Donnelly, Boston, substitute for Emma J. Channell, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Manual Training Schools. — Edith A. Pope, assistant instructor, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Jan. 13, 1900; Emily A. Southard, Boston, substitute.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

Execution of addition to contract for erecting Quincy and Perth streets Grammar School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Fagan for erecting the Quincy and Perth streets Grammar School-house in the sum of one thousand one hundred seventy-nine dollars ($1,179) for carrying up the flues of said building.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; erection of new Primary School-house, Precinct 5, Brighton District. [See p. 257.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 13 — a petition signed by Michael R. Murphy *et als.*, for a new Primary School-house in Precinct 5, Brighton District, reported that this petition was received after the Board had arrived at a decision with regard to the new school-houses to be provided from this year's appropriations, and there are no funds now available for the construction of such a building. Your committee therefore recommend that the petitioners be granted leave to withdraw.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of Mack & Moore for alteration and addition to the West Roxbury High School building in the sum of eight hundred forty-eight and $\frac{10}{100}$ dollars ($848.10) for changes and improvements in fittings of laboratories.

Execution of order of addition for alteration of, and addition to, West Roxbury High School-house.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of F. G. Coburn & Co., for erecting a High School building at Dorchester, in the sum of three hundred fifty dollars ($350) for waterproofing of underground air-ducts.

Execution of order of addition to contract for erecting new High School-house, Dorchester.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Fagan, for addition to and alteration of the Mechanic Arts High School-house in the sum of one hundred three and $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars ($103.40) for refacing with brick portion of corridor, plastering and furring part of janitor's room, and setting and extending partitions in sanitaries.

Execution of order of addition to contract for addition to and alteration of Mechanic Arts High School-house.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Francis G. Sager the sum of eighty-five hundred dollars ($8,500) as payment for his estate at the corner of Bartlett and School

Purchase of land on Bartlett and School streets. [See p. 336.]

streets, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon said Sager giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Execution of contract for erecting Chapman Grammar School-house, East Boston.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with F. G. Coburn & Co., in the sum of eighty-five thousand nine hundred dollars ($85,900), for erecting the Chapman Grammar School building in East Boston, said firm being the lowest bidder.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Execution of contract for erecting Winship School-house, Brighton.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Cutting, Bardwell & Co., in the sum of sixty-five thousand one hundred thirty dollars ($65,130), for erecting the Winship School building, Brighton, said firm being the lowest bidder.

Rules sus pended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Report of Committee on New Buildings; execution of contract for completing Munroe-street Primary School-house. [See p. 331.]

The Committee on New Buildings call the attention of the Board to their report presented at the meeting of August 15, with reference to the abandonment of the contract for erecting a Primary School-house on Munroe street, Roxbury, and they now, on the suggestion of the National Surety Company, surety on the bond of John McNamara & Sons, and with the consent of His Honor the Mayor in writing, recommend the awarding of the contract for completing this building, in accordance with the terms of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with John J. Cranitch in the sum of twenty-five thousand eight hundred thirty dollars ($25,830) for finishing and completing, according to the plans and specifications, the Primary School building on Munroe street, Roxbury, and carrying out the uncompleted contract of John McNamara & Sons for erecting said building.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that in accordance with the order passed by the Board at its meeting of June 13, proposals for selling to the city a lot of land for a site for a new Primary School-house in Roxbury have been advertised for and received, and a public hearing granted, in accordance with chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897. Your committee now recommend the passage of the following order: Report of Committee on New Buildings; site for new Primary School-house, Roxbury.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for a site for a new Primary School-house in the Roxbury District, a parcel of land supposed to belong to the estate of William Claflin, and bounded and described as follows: Northwest by Parker street, one hundred thirty-nine and $\frac{87}{100}$ feet; northeast by a way designated as Willis street, one hundred thirty-one and $\frac{43}{100}$ feet; southeast by land now or at one time of Sullivan, one hundred seventeen feet; southwest by land now or at one time of Winn, nine and $\frac{96}{100}$ feet; again southeast by the same, thirty-seven and $\frac{81}{100}$ feet; and southwest by a way designated as Caldwell street, one hundred thirty feet, — be the aforesaid measurements more or less; containing twenty thousand and fifty-one square feet, more or less.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rule. Rules suspended.

Contract for furnishing and installing plumbing system in new Grammar School-house, Quincy and Perth streets.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, moved that the order passed by the Board at its meeting of July 31, whereby the Committee on New Buildings were authorized to execute a contract with D. L. Billings & Co., in the sum of $7,865, for furnishing and installing a plumbing system in the new Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be rescinded.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the following order was taken from the table:

Site for new Normal School-house. [See pp. 312, 328.]

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for a site for a new Normal School-house, a parcel of land supposed to belong to R. J. Campbell, and bounded and described as follows: Northwest by Huntington avenue, about 250 feet; northeast by land supposed to belong to Joseph Feldman, about 120 feet; southeast by a 16-foot passageway, leading from Gainsborough street about 250 feet; and southwest by land supposed to belong now or formerly to Franklin Haven, Jr., *et als.*, trustees, about 120 feet; containing thirty thousand (30,000) square feet, more or less.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the order.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Berridge, Campbell, Courtney, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, Nichols, and Strange—12.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Brett, Burrill, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Kenny—8.

Absent: Messrs. Bowdlear, Calderwood, Davison, and Fleischer.

Mr. Aldrich moved a reconsideration of the vote

whereby the foregoing order was passed, hoping the same would not prevail.

Lost.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to execute a contract with George S. Perry & Co. in the sum of eight hundred seventeen and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($817.50) for furnishing the Baker-street Primary School-house, the said firm being the lowest bidder.

Execution of contract for furnishing Baker-street Primary School-house.

Laid over, under the rule.

Subsequently the foregoing order was passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported that they have advertised for and received proposals for furnishing the Benjamin Dean Primary School-house, South Boston, and have awarded the contract to the lowest bidder, the Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Company, in the sum of fourteen hundred forty-five and $\frac{30}{100}$ dollars ($1,445.30).

Award of contract for furnishing Benjamin Dean Primary School-house.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the following order was taken from the table:

Ordered, That the American System of Music, by Zuchtmann, published by the King-Richardson Publishing Company, be authorized for use as additional text-books in music in the Grammar and Primary schools.

American System of Music. [See pp. 286, 308.]

The order passed, by a vote of 18 to 1.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Weston-street School-house be closed until such time as it shall be put in proper sanitary condition for further occupancy.

Sanitary condition of Weston-street Primary School-house.

Lost.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Salary of assistant in charge of Charlestown Evening High School.

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant in charge of the Charlestown branch of the Evening High School be fixed at the rate of five dollars ($5) per evening of actual service, to date from Sept. 25, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of assistant in charge of East Boston High School.

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant in charge of the East Boston branch of the Evening High School be fixed at the rate of five dollars ($5) per evening of actual service, to date from Sept. 25, 1899, which amount shall also be in full compensation for his services as principal of the Lyman Evening School.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Additional assistance chemical laboratory, Evening High School.

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to employ such additional assistance in the physical and chemical laboratory of the Evening High School as may be needed, at an expense not exceeding two dollars ($2) per evening.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appointment of clerk of Evening High School.

Ordered, That Frank E. Barnard be appointed clerk of the Evening High School, at a salary of four dollars ($4) per evening, to date from Sept. 25, 1899, said salary to be in full for all services required of him by the Committee on Evening Schools, and by the Committee on Supplies.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Evening Schools; appointment of Principal of Warren Evening School.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Evening Schools, to whom was referred — June 27 — the appointment of Joel C. Bolan as principal of the Warren Evening School, reported that Mr. Bolan has withdrawn his

name as a candidate for the position, and they now recommend the appointment of the former principal, James H. Leary.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. McDonald the rules were suspended to permit the election of Principal of the Warren Evening School. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. McDonald, Bennett, and Nichols a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice, 13. There was one blank; Joel Bolan had 1 vote, James H. Leary had 14 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Principal of the Warren Evening School for the term 1899–1900.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following:

Report of Committee on Accounts; appropriation for "Commercial Course in High Schools."

The Committee on Accounts, at the request of the Committee on Supplies, respectfully represent that the amount of money asked for in the Appropriation Bill for 1899–1900 under the item "Commercial Course in High Schools," viz.: fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) will prove insufficient to meet the demand for typewriting machines, and other supplies authorized by the School Board and required to carry out the prescribed course of study in that branch. Under these conditions your committee would respectfully recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be granted authority to expend in excess of the sum of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) appropriated for the year 1899–1900 under the item "Commercial Course in High Schools," such further amounts as in their judgment may be needed for the purpose; provided, however, that in no

case shall the total amount appropriated under the head of Supplies and Incidentals be exceeded.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Fourth Division; death of Mary Wilson.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, reported the death of Mary Wilson, late first assistant, Grammar School, Prince District, which occurred on July 10, 1899.

Accepted.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Appointment of standing committees on Music, Drawing and Manual Training.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report the necessary changes in the rules to provide for the appointment of standing committees on Music, Drawing, and Manual Training.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Unsafe condition of fence and yard of Quincy-street Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the fence and yard of the Quincy-street Primary School-house, Mather District, be put into safe and proper condition at once.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Bateman it was

Preparation for exhibit at Paris Exposition.

Ordered, That work in preparation for the School Exhibit at the Paris Exposition be suspended as far as possible, and that the Committee on the Paris Exposition be requested to consider and report upon the advisability of rescinding the votes of the Board which provide for the exhibit.

Report of Committee on Sec- Division; death of Olive J. Sawyer.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, reported the death of Olive J. Sawyer, late assistant, Grammar School, Havard District, which occurred on Aug. 25, 1899.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, September 26, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Bowdlear, Fleischer, and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Confirmations laid over, approved.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

The confirmations were approved.

Communication from Mayor relative to heating and ventilating new Grammar School-house, Quincy and Perth sts.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the message from His Honor the Mayor with regard to the heating and ventilating contract for the new Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, received at the last meeting, was placed on file.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read and successively passed:

Purchase of land on Bartlett and School streets. [See pp. 336, 343, 344.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Francis G. Sager the sum of eighty-five hundred dollars ($8,500) as payment for his estate at the corner of Bartlett and School streets, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon said Sager giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Execution of order of addition to contract for addition to and alteration of Mechanic Arts High School-house. [See p. 343.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Fagan, for addition to and alteration of the Mechanic Arts High School-house in the sum of one hundred three and $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars ($103.40) for

refacing with brick portion of corridor, plastering and furring part of janitor's room, and setting and extending partitions in sanitaries.

Execution of order of addition for alteration of, and addition to, West Roxbury High School-house. [See p. 343.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of Mack & Moore for alteration and addition to the West Roxbury High School building in the sum of eight hundred forty-eight and ten one-hundredths dollars ($848.10) for changes and improvements in fittings of laboratories.

Execution of order of addition to contract for erecting new High School-house, Dorchester. [See p. 343.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of F. G. Coburn & Co., for erecting a High School building at Dorchester, in the sum of three hundred fifty dollars ($350), for waterproofing of underground air-ducts.

Communication from Board of Aldermen; establishment of kindergarten at Savin Hill.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, September 18, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to establish a kindergarten school at Savin Hill.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on the Ninth Division.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations.

English High School. — Jerome B. Poole, master, Sept. 1, 1899.

Adams District. — Jane A. Soutter, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1899.

Bennett District. — Edith M. Jones, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1899.

Lewis District. — Eva C. Jenkins, assistant, Grammar School, Caroline F. Seaver, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1899.

Mather District. — Fannie Fox, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 1, 1899.

Phillips District. — Eunice J. Simpson, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1899.

Wells District. — Mary A. Leavens, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1899.

School on Spectacle Island. — Enos C. Leaverton, instructor, Sept. 1, 1899.

Assistant Instructor of Music. — Sarah C. Whelton, Sept. 1, 1899.

Instructor of Sewing. — Ellen E. Power, Sept. 1, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Bailey-street School. — Minnie G. Abbott, principal, Sept. 1, 1899.

Plummer School. — Helen J. Morris, assistant, Oct. 1, 1899.

Stephen M. Weld School. — Celeste B. Cooper, assistant, Sept. 1, 1899.

Winchell School. —Mae K. Pillsbury, assistant, Oct. 1, 1899.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfers, for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Richard Benson, Boston, Nathaniel D. Henchman, Boston, Oscar H. E. Hoss, Boston, Ralph H. Knapp, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Christopher Gibson District. — Agnes T. Kelly, Boston, from Sept. 18, 1899. Florence A. Stone, Boston, from Sept. 15, 1899.

Dearborn District. — Mary E. Griffin, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Annie T. McCloskey, Boston, from Sept. 27, 1899.

Hancock District. — Annie G. Colbert, Boston, from Sept. 18, 1899. Mary E. Meaney, Brookline, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Martin District. — Violet O. Frederick, Boston, from Sept. 22, 1899.

Mather District. — Elizabeth C. Bonney, Cambridge, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Oct. 2, 1899.

Phillips District. — Henrietta Chase, Boston, Helen F. Prentiss, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Prescott District. — Agnes M. Turnbull, Boston, from Sept. 14, 1899.

Sherwin District. — Mary F. Sullivan, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Bailey-street School. — Ida M. Fisher, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Charles C. Perkins School. — Mary E. Denehy, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899.

602 Dudley Street. — Martha G. Breckenridge, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Paul Revere School. — Minnie A. Prescott, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Unity Chapel. — Effie M. Charnock, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Normal School. — Mary L. Vining, Boston, assistant, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Boys' Latin School. — Walter H. Russell, Boston, junior-master, from Sept. 21, 1899.

English High School. — La Roy F. Griffin, Boston, junior-master, from Sept. 25, 1899.

Girl's High School. — Mary H. Shed, Boston, assisttant, from Sept. 14, 1899. Abby N. Arnold, Boston, assistant, from Sept. 25, 1899.

Christopher Gibson District. — Caroline W. Heckle, Boston, Isabel M. Horsford, Boston, assistants, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Harvard District. — Josephine E. Clark, Medford, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Sept. 30, 1899.

Lyman District — Ermina C. Leach, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Tileston District. — F. Mabel Sykes, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Thomas G. Rees, Boston, junior-master, fourth year, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Roxbury High School. — Elsie M. Blake, Winthrop, assistant, from Sept. 27, 1899. John W. Dow, Boston, laboratory assistant, from Sept. 18, 1899.

Brimmer District. — James Burrier, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Christopher Gibson District. — Corinna Barry, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Dearborn District. — Annie L. Coffey, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Mary M. Hoye, Boston, Lydia D. Johnson, Boston, assistants, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Harvard District. — Abbie M. Libby, Chelsea, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899. Marcella C. Coyle, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Minnie A. Worden,

Chelmsford, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Oct. 9, 1899.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Edwin I. Beal, Quincy, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Lewis District. — Blanche L. Bachelder, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899. Grace C. Boyden, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Mary Hemenway District. — Frances M. Campbell, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Mather District. — Elizabeth C. Bonney, Cambridge, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Phillips District. — Mary E. Doyle, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 25, 1899. Elizabeth G. Hutchison, Cambridge, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Oct. 2, 1899. Leonora E. Taft, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Roger Clap District. — Jessie D. Stoddard, Chelsea, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Bailey-street School. — Mary B. Pope, Boston, principal, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Common-street School. — Adah M. Hasbrook, Newton, assistant, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Denison House. — Edith F. Winsor, Medford, principal, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Greenwood Hall. — Edith L. Phelan, Boston, principal, from Oct. 2, 1899.

766 Huntington avenue. — Miriam S. Cutler, Cambridge, principal, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Charlestown High School. — Malcolm D. Barrows, assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Girls' High School. — Grace H. Perkins, assistant. Florence M. Kilburn, special teacher of book-keeping and phonography.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles L. Hanson, junior-master. Anna M. Vaughan, assistant instructor.

Bowditch District. — Annie FitzGerald, assistant, Primary School.

Emerson District. — Alice M. MacDonald, assistant, Grammar School.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

TRANSFERS.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Margaret A. Page, assistant, Primary School, on probation, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, in the same district, on probation, to date from Sept. 13, 1899. Transfers of teachers.

Lowell District. — Marguerite G. Brett, assistant, Primary School, to the same position in the Lewis District, to date from Oct. 1, 1899.

Mather District. —Ella J. Costello, assistant, Primary School, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, in the same district, to date from Oct. 1, 1899.

Minot District. — Mary E. Glidden, assistant, Grammar School, to the position of assistant, Primary School, in the same district, to date from Sept. 13, 1899. Harriet B. Hight, assistant, Primary School, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, in the same district, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the Leave of absence to teachers.

substitutes approved.

terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

English High School. — George W. Evans, junior-master, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Jan. 1, 1900; Alexander B. Crawford, Boston, substitute.

Brimmer District. — Sarah E. Adams, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Jan. 13, 1900; Carolyn I. Neal, Cambridge, substitute.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Mary A. Fruean, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Jan. 1, 1900; Elnora O. C. Fossett, Boston, substitute.

Hyde District. — Celia Bamber, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Dec. 1, 1899; Frances M. Supple, Boston, substitute.

Mary Hemenway District. — Charlotte A. Powell, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Jan. 13, 1900; Martha E. Lang, Boston, substitute.

Mather District. — Isabel W. Davis, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Nov. 1, 1899; Grace H. Clifton, Boston, substitute.

Prince District. — Annie C. Murdock, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Jan. 1, 1900; Rosalie C. Williams, Boston, substitute.

Instructor of Sewing. — Catherine L. Bigelow, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Dec. 1, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Common-street School. — Sallie Bush, principal, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Jan. 13, 1900; Margaret V. Meade, Boston, substitute.

Stoughton School. — Alice D. Hall, principal, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Jan. 13, 1900; A. Gertrude Bowker, Boston, substitute.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Charles Sumner District. — Alice C. Clapp, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899. Temporary teachers.

Martin District. — Mary L. B. Reynolds, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

The employment of the teachers named was approved under a suspension of the rules, and the reports of the Superintendent of teachers appointed to said positions were placed on file. Rules suspended.

Subsequently the Superintendent presented the following appointments in pursuance of orders passed authorizing the employment of such instructors.

ON PROBATION.

Dorchester High School. — Adalena R. Farmer, Boston, special teacher of drawing, from Sept. 19, 1899. Teachers on probation.

English High School. — Edward R. Kingsbury, Boston, special teacher of drawing, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Brimmer District. — Joseph A. Reddy, Boston, sub-master, from Oct. 9, 1899.

Tileston District. — Sarah B. Turner, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That an additional sub-master be allowed in the Brimmer District. Additional sub-master, Brimmer District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That an additional assistant be allowed in the Grammar School, Tileston District. Additional Grammar School assistant, Tileston District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, it was

Ordered, That one additional ungraded class be allowed in the Phillips District, making five in all. Additional ungraded class, Phillips District.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Special teacher of drawing in English High School.

Ordered, That a special teacher of drawing be allowed in the English High School, until otherwise ordered, the same to be in place of one junior-master to which the school is entitled under the rules.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Special teacher of drawing in Dorchester High School.

Ordered, That a special teacher of drawing be allowed in the Dorchester High School.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; temporary accommodations, Chapman District. [See pp. 317, 318.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, reported that an order was passed by the Board at its meeting on July 31, authorizing this committee to provide temporary accommodations in the Chapman District, substantially as set forth in an accompanying report which contemplated the partial use of the Trinity Baptist Church and of the Masonic Block. As a measure of economy it was subsequently decided by your committee not to occupy any portion of Masonic Block, and to take the whole of the church, and the following contracts have been authorized for necessary changes and fittings in that building:

Carpentry, Dingwell Bros	$3,625 00
Carpentry, Sidney Peterson & Co.	648 28
Heating, William J. Carlin	747 00
Plumbing, H. Carruthers & Co.	628 00

Accepted.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; additional accommodations, Martin District. [See p. 298.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, who were requested — June 29 — to provide additional accommodations in the Martin District, reported that they have authorized the leasing of accommodations at No. 775 Huntington avenue, at a rental of six hundred sixty dollars ($660) per annum, which amount includes heat and

janitor service, to take effect as soon as the building is ready for occupancy, which will be at an early date.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; contracts for fitting up old Winship building.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that in order to provide accommodations for pupils in the Bennett District during the construction of the new Winship Primary School-house, the old Winship building has been moved to the rear of the school lot, and the following contracts have been made in connection with the matter:

Carpentry, A. E. Ellis	$1,200
Excavating and masonry work, S. W. Brown	600
Moving, A. M. Richards	383
Heating, Finley & Harris	220
Plumbing, Finley & Harris	90

Accepted.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Execution of order of addition to contract for plumbing Quincy and Perth-streets School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of D. L. Billings & Co., for plumbing the Quincy and Perth streets Grammar School-house, in the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) for carrying conductors to the roof of the building.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; execution of contract for plastering new Grammar School-house, Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester. [See pp. 309, 310.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that in accordance with their intention, as stated in a report presented to the Board at its meeting of July 31, they have readvertised for proposals for plastering the new Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, and now recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with J. H. Townsend, in the sum of nine thousand seven hundred fifteen dollars ($9,715) for plastering the new Gram-

mar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, the said firm being the lowest bidder.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; additional accommodations, Gaston District.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that in compliance with the order passed by the Board at its meeting of June 29, that extra accommodations be furnished for two classes in the Gaston District, for the school year 1899–1900, they have engaged accommodations at No. 732 Broadway, at a rental of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) per annum, which amount includes heat and janitor service.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; change in specifications, East Boston High School.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that the specifications of the new East Boston High School-house require all basement ashlar facing, underpinning, flights of steps, etc., below a certain designated line, to be of blue stone from one of two particular quarries, and that the architect, without the knowledge or consent of your committee, ordered the contractors to furnish granite in place thereof, which they accordingly did. No additional expense has been occasioned by this change, an d the facts are reported to the Board in order that no responsibility may rest upon the committee should any question hereafter arise with reference to the matter.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on new buildings; appropriation for Quincy and Perth streets School-house exceeded. [See p. 333.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, who were requested — August 15 — to report to this Board the reasons, if any, why the appropriation for the Quincy and Perth streets School will be exceeded, reported that the estimated cost of this building when the plans were presented for the approval of the Board last November was $105,000, including the architect's commission. The total available appropriation was but $81,255.88, and therefore only the general contract was entered into last year, leaving the plastering, plumbing and heating contracts to be met from the amount to be expended this year for new school-houses. Among the

appropriations made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for such purposes this year was one of $55,000 for completing and furnishing school buildings now in course of construction, exclusive of high schools, of which the building referred to is one. Largely in consequence of the recent rise in building materials, the cost of this school-house will somewhat exceed the original estimate, but your committee are confident that the total cost will not much exceed $116,000, which in their judgment is very reasonable for a modern grammar school-house containing fifteen rooms and a hall.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; execution of contract for erection of Chapman Grammar School-house. [See p. 343.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that at the last meeting of the Board an order was passed authorizing the execution of a contract with F. G. Coburn & Co., in the sum of $85,900 for erecting the Chapman Grammar School building in East Boston, said firm being the lowest bidder. Subsequently your committee were informed by F. G. Coburn & Co., that a clerical error had been made by them in making up the figures upon which their bid was based, in that the sum of $1,100 was entered in a certain item, when $11,000 was clearly the amount intended to be used. The original figures have been examined by your committee, and they are satisfied that the mistake was wholly unintentional, and that the larger sum was a fair one for the item in question. The contractors are perfectly willing to forfeit the $1,500 deposited by them as security for signing the contract, but decline to go further, as to do so would involve a loss to them far in excess of the $1,500, but have agreed to undertake the contract for the sum of $93,683, which is $7,783 in excess of their original bid. This amount is $3,550 less than the proposal submitted by the next lowest bidder, and, in the judgment of the committee, it would be better for the interests of the city to accept this

proposal than to readvertise for new bids, which course they are confident would not result in any saving of expense, to say nothing of the delay that would thereby result. In consideration of the facts herein set forth, and after consultation with the Corporation Counsel, and with the consent of the Mayor in writing, your committee recommend the rescinding of the order passed by the Board at its last meeting, and the passage of the following order in place thereof:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with F. G. Coburn & Co. in the sum of ninety-three thousand six hundred eighty-three dollars ($93,683) for erecting the Chapman Grammar School building in East Boston; and on the execution of said contract by said Coburn & Co., the fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) deposited by them as security for signing another contract to be returned to them.

The report was accepted.

Execution of contract for erecting Chapman Grammar School-house rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the order passed by the Board at its last meeting, authorizing the execution of a contract with F. G. Coburn & Co., in the sum of $85,900 for erecting the Chapman Grammar School Building, in East Boston (see Minutes, page 344), was rescinded.

Mr. Aldrich moved a suspension of the rules to permit the passage of the order appended to the report of the committee.

Mr. Nichols moved as a substitute that common red brick be used in place of the buff brick contemplated under the order reported by the committee.

Mr. Coolidge in the chair.

Mr. Nichols's motion was lost.

Rules suspended.

The order appended to the report of the committee passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The President in the chair.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

Execution of contract for grading around Frederick A. Whitney School-house.

Ordered, That the accompanying plans and specifications, prepared by Whitman & Hood, architects, for grading around the Frederick A. Whitney School-house, Webster avenue, Brighton, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with William Scollans in the sum of one thousand nine hundred ninety-three and $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars ($1,993.83) for grading around said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications, the said Scollans being the lowest bidder.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Execution of contract for erecting Bigelow Grammar School Building.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Conners Bros., in the sum of eighty-four thousand four hundred dollars ($84,400) for erecting the Bigelow Grammar School building in South Boston; the said firm being the lowest bidder.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on School Houses; sanitary condition of Frothingham School-house. [See p. 144.]

Mr. Berridge, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Apr. 11 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that the necessary steps be taken to put the Frothingham School-house, Charlestown, in proper sanitary condition, reported that the matter has received their attention, and they recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that extensive alterations and improvements in the sanitation of this building are now in progress and will be completed at an early date.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Report of Committee on School Houses; plumbing contract for Frothingham School-house. [See p. 332.]

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, reported that the Board, at its meeting of Aug. 15, authorized the execution of a contract with John P. Conlon for plumbing work at the Frothingham School, in the sum of one thousand seven hundred seventy-five dollars ($1,775). Subsequently this bid was withdrawn, and your committee, being unwilling to delay the completion of the work, and with the consent of His Honor the Mayor, awarded the contract to Huey Bros., the next lowest bidders, in the sum of two thousand six hundred thirty-seven dollars ($2,637).

Accepted.

Execution of plumbing contract for Frothingham School-house rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, that part of the order passed by the Board at its meeting of Aug. 15, authorizing the execution of a contract with John P. Conlon, in the sum of $1,775, for plumbing the Frothingham School-house, Charlestown, was rescinded.

Mr. Berridge moved that the action of the Committee on School Houses, in awarding the aforesaid contract to Huey Bros., as set forth in the preceding report, be approved and confirmed.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Berridge's motion passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on School Houses; yard and walks of Thetford-avenue School. [See pp. 221, 222.]

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 13 — a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that the necessary improvements be made on the yard and walks of the Thetford-avenue School in Dorchester, and also that the sanitary condition be improved, reported that the yards and walks of this school have been improved during the past summer, but your committee are not aware of any defects in the sanitary arrangements of the building. Should they become aware of such conditions, the matter will receive their attention. Your committee recommend that this report be transmitted to the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, reported for the approval of the Board, the following appointment:

Report of Committee on School Houses; appointment of janitor of ward-room, George Putnam District.

JANITOR.

George Putnam District, Ward-room. — Henry Marshman, from Sept. 6, 1899.

Accepted, and the appointment approved.

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Apr. 11 — an order that they investigate the sanitary condition of the Heath-street Primary School, and adopt measures for bettering the condition and improving the sanitary arrangements in this school, reported that the matter has received attention, and that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; sanitary condition of Heath-street Primary School-house. [See p. 154.]

Accepted.

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, who were requested — Mar. 28 — to investigate the sanitary condition of the Dudley Grammar School-house, and to take such measures as may be necessary to improve the same, and to whom was referred — Apr. 11 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, relating to the same subject, reported that alterations and improvements in the sanitary arrangements of this school-house were made a year ago, and that subsequent complaints made were on account of defects in ventilation which have now been remedied. Your committee recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the Dudley School-house is now in good condition for school occupancy.

Report of Committee on School Houses; sanitary condition of Dudley Grammar School-house. [See pp. 138, 143.]

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — a communication from the

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on School Houses; sanitary condition of Mather School-house. [See p. 33.]

City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that immediate steps be taken to improve the sanitary condition of the Mather School-house in Ward 13, South Boston, reported that they have investigated the matter, and do not find that cause for complaint exists with regard to the sanitation and ventilation of the building inq uestion. The sanitaries in the yard are not of the most approved style, but are well cared for, and the expense of installing new accommodations of this character, including enlargement of the present building, plumbing, slate work, closets, and ventilation, would be greater, in the judgment of the committee, than the necessities of the case demand. Your committee therefore recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that it is inexpedient to take further action with regard to this matter at the present time.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, it was

Donation of furniture for public schools of Porto Rico.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to donate to the public school system of Porto Rico such old school furniture as will not be required for further use in the schools of this city; provided, that no expense for transportation is thereby incurred by this Board.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Special teacher of penmanship, Evening High School.

Ordered, That a special teacher of penmanship be allowed in the Evening High School, and that the salary of said instructor be fixed at the rate of two dollars ($2) per evening of actual service, to date from Oct. 2, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That Herbert L. Swan, having been approved by the Superintendent, be appointed special teacher of the school on Spectacle Island, on probation, from Sept. 1, 1899; and that his salary be at the rate of four hundred dollars ($400) per year, payable quarterly, said sum to be in full for all expenses connected with the school, except for books.

Appointment of instructor of school on Spectacle Island.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Paris Exposition, offered the following:

School Exhibit at the Paris Exposition. [See p. 350.]

The Committee on the Paris Exposition report that at the meeting of Sept. 12, an order was passed that work in preparation for the School Exhibit at the Paris Exposition be suspended as far as possible, and that your committee consider and report upon the advisability of rescinding the votes of the Board which provide for the exhibit. In compliance with the terms of the order your committee now report that in their opinion it would be unwise on the part of this Board to commit itself to an action well calculated to offend the sensibilities of the citizens of a city with whom our municipal and social relations have long been of a friendly and cordial character, merely for the purpose of expressing our disapproval of the result of a political trial which, though it may excite our deep and sympathetic interest, does not warrant the adoption of the course which has been suggested. Such action could hardly be deemed a proper one for a board elected to care for and direct the affairs of a great public school system to take, even though we were assured that the general sentiment of the French people does not differ from our own with regard to the present settlement of the question at issue.

We apprehend that the benefit to be derived from a great exposition at which the progress of the nations in the field of human endeavor is made manifest, is not confined exclusively to that country within whose borders it may be held, but extends rather to all countries and to all peoples, as the knowledge to be obtained from the study and comparison of the gathered products of the different branches of art, science and the manufactures becomes diffused by such means. We believe it incumbent upon us to make at the Paris Exposition a display of our school work that will be creditable to the city of Boston, and we deprecate any effort to divert this Board from an educational exhibit to an expression of political opinion in this matter. The preparation of such an exhibit is now well advanced, and we urge that no obstacle be thrown in the way of its successful completion.

For these reasons, therefore, we recommend that it is inexpedient for this Board to rescind such action as it has already taken with regard to the Paris Exposition.

Mr. Bateman moved that the report be laid on the table.

Lost.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Payment to B. Cortissoz.

Ordered, That there be paid to B. Cortissoz the sum of sixty-two dollars ($62) for services rendered as temporary janitor of the Bigelow School from July 1 to Sept. 1, 1899, inclusive.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Charles D. Gallagher.

Ordered, That there be paid to Charles D. Gallagher the sum of sixty-eight dollars ($68) for services rendered as temporary janitor of the Wells School during the month of June, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of J. Fred. Sayer, Jr.

Ordered, That the salary of J. Fred. Sayer, Jr., messenger, be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum, to date from Sept. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of janitor of ward-room in George Putnam District.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the ward-room in the George Putnam District, rented for school purposes, be fixed at the rate of one hundred eighty dollars ($180) per annum, to date from Sept. 6, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Ordered, That an additional kindergarten be established in the Thomas N. Hart District, making two kindergartens in all in that district. Additional kindergarten in Thomas N. Hart District.

Referred to the Committee on the Sixth Division.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following:

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriation available for the present financial year and the expenditures incurred from Jan. 1 to Oct. 1, 1899, the same being nine months' payment of the financial year, exclusive of the cost of repairs and the expenditures incurred for new school-houses. Appropriations and Expenditures.

Appropriation.	Estimate for year.	Expenses for 9 mos.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries instructors .	$2,085,000.00	$1,513,811.03	$571,188.97
Salaries officers . .	71,000.00	51,672.33	19,327.67
Salaries janitors .	156,000.00	112,022.79	43,977.21
Fuel, gas and water .	106,000,00	90,056.22	15,943.78
Supplies and Incidental Expenses . .	162,913.68	108,527.44	54,386.24
	$2,580,913.68	$1,876,089.81	$704,823.87

As compared with the corresponding nine months of last year:

Salaries of instructors increased		$75,316.75
Salaries of janitors increased		1,935.30
		$77,252.05
Salaries of officers decreased . . .	$1,444.67	
Fuel, gas and water decreased . . .	3,813.54	
Supplies and incidentals decreased . .	9,068.11	
		14,326.32
Increase for the year		$62,925.73

Should the expenditures continue to increase in the same ratio during the remaining three months of the financial year the total expenses for the year, exclusive of repairs and new buildings, will amount to $2,506,847.70. Deducting this estimated expenditure from the appropriation for 1899-1900, it leaves a balance of $74,065.98 as the amount to be carried forward and added to the appropriation for the next financial year. This balance may be needed to maintain the present schedule of salaries for the financial year 1900–1901.

Placed on file.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; character of Fourth of July entertainments. [See p. 302.]

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — June 29 — a petition signed by Eben Bumstead *et als.*, that the School Board take such action as will guarantee that the children's entertainments given on the Fourth of July in the school-houses this year be clean, wholesome and ennobling, reported that from the evidence adduced before this committee, it appears that the majority of the entertainments for children provided by the City Government on the Fourth of July consist of low variety shows containing, in many instances, features obscene, vulgar and immoral; and as complaints of the character of these entertainments have been made repeatedly, your committee are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and that this Board should refuse to grant the use of school buildings to the City Government for such purposes; and your committee further recommend that this report be transmitted to the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Morning recess for pupils in Bigelow Grammar School-house dispensed with.

Ordered, That pending the completion of the new Bigelow Grammar School-house the master be authorized in his discretion to dispense with the morning recess for certain of his classes, for which there are no facilities for recess, and to dismiss them at 11.45 o'clock A.M.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the order was amended so as to include the Gaston District within its scope.

The order as amended passed.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

Amendment of rules; Committee on Accounts; Committee on New Buildings.

SECTION 35, paragraph 2. Strike out all after the word "the" in the third line, and substitute in place thereof the following: "second regular meeting of the Board in February, an itemized appropriation order to cover the expenses of the public schools for the next financial year; and this order, after passage by a two-thirds yea and nay vote of the entire Board, shall be sent, when it shall have gone into effect, to the City Auditor," so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

2. Shall, after conference with the other committees, annually prepare and present to the Board in print, on or before the second regular meeting of the Board in February, an itemized appropriation order to cover the expenses of the public schools for the next financial year; and this order, after passage by a two-thirds yea and nay vote of the entire Board, shall be sent, when it shall have gone into effect, to the City Auditor.

Paragraph 3. Strike out the paragraph, and substitute in place thereof the following:

3. Shall report upon every proposal to change the annual appropriation order, or any item contained therein, before it is acted upon by the Board.

SECTION 36, paragraph 8. Strike out all after the word "Board" in the second line, and substitute in place thereof the following: "what additional school-house accommodations have been provided during the year, with the cost thereof, both actual and prospective, so far as the same can be stated; with their opinion as to the condition and adequacy of existing school-house accommodations and recommendations as to future needs," so that the paragraph will read as follows:

8. Shall annually, in the month of December, after consultation with the School-house Agent, report to the Board what additional school-house accommodations have been provided during the year, with the cost thereof, both actual and prospective, so far as the same can be stated; with their opinion as to the condition and adequacy of existing school-house accommodations and recommendations as to future needs.

Passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Rules, appointment of standing committees on Music, Drawing, and Manual Training. [See p. 350.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 12 — an order requesting them to report the necessary changes in the Rules to provide for the appointment of standing committees on Music, Drawing, and Manual Training, reported that they have carefully considered the matter and are in favor of the proposed amendment. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

SECTION 2. Strike out the word "and" in the eleventh line, and insert after the words "Truant Officers" in the twelfth line, the words "Music, Drawing, and Manual Training," so that the section will read as follows:

SECTION 2. At the meeting for organization each year the Board shall elect, by ballot, a Secretary, an Auditing Clerk, a School-house Agent, and a Messenger, each of whom may be removed at the pleasure of the Board. The President shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, standing committees, each consisting of five members, as follows: On Accounts; Courses of Study and Text-books; Hygiene and Physical Training; Legislative Matters; Rules and Regulations; Salaries; School Houses; New Buildings; Supplies; Evening Schools; High Schools; Normal School; Horace Mann School for the Deaf; Truant Officers; Music; Drawing; and Manual Training. The President shall be a member of two of the committees referred to in this section, but shall not be chairman of any of them.

SECTION 33. Renumber the section 31.

SECTION 34. Renumber the section 32.

Add the following sections:

SECTION 33. The Committee on Music shall have the general supervision of this branch of instruction in all the schools. They shall make a written report to the Board in September.

SECTION 34. The Committee on Drawing shall have the general supervision of this branch of instruction in all the schools. They shall make a written report to the Board in September.

SECTION 35. The Committee on Manual Training shall have the general supervision of the instruction in woodworking, sewing, cooking, and other branches of manual training in all the schools. They shall make a written report to the Board in September.

SECTION	35.	Renumber	the	section	36.
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"	46.	"	"	"	47.

SECTION	47.	Renumber the section			48.
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"	50.	"	"	"	51.
"	51.	"	"	"	52.
"	52.	"	"	"	53.

Add Section 53 to Section 52 as a separate paragraph to said section.

The report was accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That James Burrier, assistant, Grammar School, in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his rank, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Appointment of James Burrier, assistant, Grammar School, Brimmer District.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Ordered, That the new Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be named the Phillips Brooks School, in honor of the late Bishop Brooks.

Naming of new Grammar School-house, Quincy and Perth streets.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — Mar. 14 — an order that this committee be authorized to furnish car tickets to members of the "Special Class" in cases where the need for such assistance exists, reported that the matter has been attended to, and that no further action is necessary.

Report of Committee on Supplies; car tickets furnished to members of "Special Class." [See p. 108.]

Accepted.

Mr. Davison, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Mar. 28 — an order that the Warren Grammar School be supplied with a new piano, reported that the matter has been attended to, and that no further action is necessary.

Report of Committee on Supplies; new piano for Warren Grammar School. [See p. 134.]

Accepted.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following:

Repair of motor in Hyde School-house.

Ordered, That the School-house Agent be requested to repair at once the motor on which the ventilation of the Hyde School-house is dependent, which has been long out of order.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Burrill offered the following:

Use of school halls for free chamber concerts.

Ordered, That the use of school halls for a series of free chamber concerts during the fall and winter months be granted the Music Commissioners the same as last year; provided, the same will not interfere with the regular work of the schools, and involves no expense to this Board.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Nichols offered the following:

Dismissal of certain pupils early on last session in every month.

Ordered, That pupils in the Grammar and Primary Schools who have not been absent or tardy during any month may, in the discretion of the Master of the District, at the last school session in said month, be dismissed thirty minutes before the regular closing time.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair presented the following:

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Boston School Committee:

Petition from Charles S. Stone *et als.*, for improved sanitation, Weston-street Primary School.

GENTLEMEN, — We, the undersigned, parents or guardians, having pupils in the Weston-street Primary School, respectfully request that the defects in the school as pointed out by the Board of Health be remedied as soon as possible, as we feel they are not only a source of sickness to our children, but a continued menace to their well being to be permitted to remain as at present.

CHARLES S. STONE, M.D.,
(and one hundred thirty-nine others.)

On motion of Mr. Berridge, referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, October 10, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, and Brett.

On motion of Mr. Fleischer the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Approval of transfers laid over at last meeting.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the transfers presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

The transfers were approved.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read, and successively passed:

Execution of contract for plastering new Grammar School-house, Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester. [See pp. 309, 310, 361.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with J. H. Townsend, in the sum of nine thousand seven hundred fifteen dollars ($9,715) for plastering the new Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, the said firm being the lowest bidder.

Execution of order of addition to contract for plumbing Quincy and Perth streets School-house. [See p. 351.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of D. L. Billings & Co., for plumbing the Quincy and Perth streets Grammar School-house, in the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) for carrying conductors to the roof of the building.

Execution of contract for grading around Frederick A. Whitney School-

Ordered, That the accompanying plans and specifications, prepared by Whitman & Hood, architects, for grading around the Frederick A. Whitney School-house, Webster avenue, Brighton, be accepted, and the

house.
[See p. 365.]

same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with William Scollans in the sum of one thousand nine hundred ninety-three and $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars ($1,993.83) for grading around said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications, the said Scollans being the lowest bidder.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

Amendment of rules; Committee on Accounts, expenditure of money.
[See p. 373.]

SECTION 35, paragraph 2. Strike out all after the word "the" in the third line, and substitute in place thereof the following: "second regular meeting of the Board in February, an itemized appropriation order to cover the expenses of the public schools for the next financial year; and this order, after passage by a two-thirds yea and nay vote of the entire Board, shall be sent, when it shall have gone into effect, to the City Auditor," so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

2. Shall, after conference with the other committees, annually prepare and present to the Board in print, on or before the second regular meeting of the Board in February, an itemized appropriation order to cover the expenses of the public schools for the next financial year; and this order, after passage by a two-thirds yea and nay vote of the entire Board, shall be sent, when it shall have gone into effect, to the City Auditor.

Paragraph 3. Strike out the paragraph, and substitute in place thereof the following:

3. Shall report upon every proposal to change the annual appropriation order, or any item contained therein, before it is acted upon by the Board.

SECTION 36, paragraph 8. Strike out all after the word "Board" in the second line, and substitute in place thereof the following: "what additional school-house accommodations have been provided during the year, with the cost thereof, both actual and prospective, so far as the same can be stated; with their opinion as to the condition and adequacy of existing school-house accommodations and recommendations as to future needs," so that the paragraph will read as follows:

8. Shall annually, in the month of December, after consultation with the School-house Agent, report to the Board what additional school-house accommodations have been provided during the year, with the cost thereof, both actual and prospective, so far as the same can be stated; with their opinion as to the condi-

tion and adequacy of existing school-house accommodations and recommendations as to future needs.

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Rules, appointment of standing committees on Music, Drawing, and Manual Training. [See pp. 350, 373, 374.]

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

SECTION 2. Strike out the word "and" in the eleventh line, and insert after the words "Truant Officers" in the twelfth line, the words "Music, Drawing, and Manual Training," so that the section will read as follows:

SECTION 2. At the meeting for organization each year the Board shall elect, by ballot, a Secretary, an Auditing Clerk, a School-house Agent, and a Messenger, each of whom may be removed at the pleasure of the Board. The President shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, standing committees, each consisting of five members, as follows: On Accounts; Courses of Study and Text-books; Hygiene and Physical Training; Legislative Matters; Rules and Regulations; Salaries; School Houses; New Buildings; Supplies; Evening Schools; High Schools; Normal School; Horace Mann School for the Deaf; Truant Officers; Music; Drawing; and Manual Training. The President shall be a member of two of the committees referred to in this section, but shall not be chairman of any of them.

SECTION 33. Renumber the section 31.

SECTION 34. Renumber the section 32.

Add the following sections:

SECTION 33. The Committee on Music shall have the general supervision of this branch of instruction in all the schools. They shall make a written report to the Board in September.

SECTION 34. The Committee on Drawing shall have the general supervision of this branch of instruction in all the schools. They shall make a written report to the Board in September.

SECTION 35. The Committee on Manual Training shall have the general supervision of the instruction in woodworking, sewing, cooking, and other branches of manual training in all the schools. They shall make a written report to the Board in September.

SECTION 35. Renumber the section 36.
" 36. " " " 37.
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" 39. " " " 40.
" 40. " " " 41.

SECTION	41.	Renumber the section			42.
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"	52.	"	"	"	53.

Add Section 53 to Section 52 as a separate paragraph to said section.

Passed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land on Norfolk street, Dorchester.

CITY OF BOSTON,
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, October 5, 1899.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of July 31, 1899, the Board of Street Commissioners, on October 3, 1899, took, for school purposes, thirty thousand square feet, more or less, of land on Norfolk street, at Dorchester, and their decree of such taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Transportation of scholars to and from Boston Common.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, October 9, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to provide transportation for the teachers and scholars to and from Boston Common on Saturday, October 14, on the occasion of the review by Admiral Dewey.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Girls' High School. — Charlotte M. Gardner, assistant, Oct. 1, 1899. Resignations.

Comins District. — Thomas G. Rees, sub-master, Sept. 13, 1899.

Edward Everett District. — Katherine Wark, assistant, Primary School, Oct. 1, 1899.

Everett District. — Adelaide B. Smith, first assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1899.

Franklin District. — Eva D. Pickering, assistant, Primary School, Oct. 1, 1899.

Harvard District. — Abbie M. Libby, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 13, 1899.

Minot District. — Harriet B. Hight, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 11, 1899.

Winthrop District. — Mary L. Fitzpatrick, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 1, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Appleton-street School. — Edith F. Winsor, assistant, Oct. 2, 1899.

Bailey-street School. — Mary B. Pope, assistant, Sept. 13, 1899.

Dudley-street School. — Edith L. Phelan, assistant, Oct. 2, 1899.

Lauriat-avenue School. — Miriam S. Cutler, assistant, Oct. 2, 1899.

Paul Revere School. — Margaret P. Dickinson, assistant, Oct. 1, 1899.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfer for the approval of

the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Adams District. — Blanche F. Kingsley, Boston, from Oct. 5, 1899.

Bennett District. — Katherine F. Wood, Boston, Jennie L. Worth, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Bowditch District. — Annie M. Johnson, Boston, from Sept. 14, 1899.

Edward Everett District. — E. Mabel Clarke, Boston, from Sept. 14, 1899. Helen M. French, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Franklin District. — Alice E. B. Dockham, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899. Henrietta C. Wort, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Hancock District. — Elsie M. Sawyer, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Longfellow District. — Florence M. Halligan, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Lowell District. — Mary G. Lyons, Boston, from Sept. 27, 1899.

Lyman District. — Katherine L. Fitzpatrick, Boston, Lillian A. Bragdon, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Mary Hemenway District. — Henrietta G. Bonner, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Mather District. — Mary E. O'Kane, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Prince District. — Amy E. Emery, Boston, from Sept. 26, 1899.

Rice Training School. — Mabel C. Kinney, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Robert G. Shaw District. — F. Mabel Cassidy, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Tileston District. — Helen A. Fernald, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Cudworth School. — Hattie Browne, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Denison House. — Evelyn L. Barrows, Boston, from Sept. 14, 1899.

Dorchester-avenue School. — Annie M. Smith, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Florence-street School. — Isabelle H. Earnshaw, Boston, from Sept. 27, 1899.

Greenwood Hall. — Amy E. Lang, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Huntington-avenue School. — Lucy Kummer, Medford, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Sept. 20, 1899. Florence M. Weltch, Boston, from Sept. 20, 1899.

Lauriat-avenue School. — Anina L. Fitzsimmons, Boston, from Oct. 4, 1899.

Plummer School. — Lida J. Hamilton, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Stephen M. Weld School. — Marion A. Hall, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Tyler-street School. — Frances L. Peck, Boston, from Sept. 27, 1899.

Union-street School. — Gertrude F. Briggs, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Robert E. Burke, Boston, junior-master, from Oct. 9, 1899.

Agassiz District. — Gertrude V. Sharp, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Emerson District. — Florence G. Erskine, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Sept. 30, 1899.

Everett District. — Sarah E. Crocker, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Ermina C. Leach, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 9, 1899.

Longfellow District. — Herbert S. Packard, Walpole, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 21, 1899.

Lowell District. — Frances M. Supple, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Quincy District. — Anna T. Nolan, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Sept. 19, 1899, inclusive; Martha F. Titus, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 19, 1899.

Wells District. — Margaret G. Melia, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

English High School. — Frank E. Poole, Boston, junior-master, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Adams District. — Fannie M. Morris, Boston, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Bennett District. — Helena D. Smith, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Edward Everett District. — Lizzie M. Pearson, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Emerson District. — Eliza D. Graham, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Franklin District. — Henrietta C. Wort, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Lyman District. — Annie M. Wilcox, Boston, first assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 2, 1899. Katherine S. Nash, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 9, 1899.

Minot District. — Lillian A. Simmons, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Oct. 12, 1899.

Prescott District. — Margaret F. Gannon, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Quincy District. — Marion L. Dally, Boston, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Oct. 16, 1899.

Robert G. Shaw District. — Harlan P. Ford, Boston,

assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Sept. 14, 1899.

Wells District. — Catherine E. McCarthy, Chelsea, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, Elizabeth J. Strongman, assistant, Grammar School, third year, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Instructors of Sewing. — Mary L. Dermody, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899. Henrietta L. Yelland, Somerville, from Oct. 12, 1899.

Plummer Kindergarten. — Lida J. Hamilton, Boston, assistant, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Charlestown High School. — Richard F. Sullivan, special instructor of phonography and typewriting.

East Boston High School. — Lizzie J. Fitzgerald, special instructor of phonography.

Bennett District. — Elizabeth R. Bradbury, assistant, Primary School.

Bowditch District. — M. Louise C. Jones, assistant, Grammar School.

Dearborn District. — Elizabeth B. McKeon, assistant, Grammar School.

Eliot District. — Gardner P. Balch, sub-master, Anna L. Foster, assistant, Grammar School.

George Putnam District. —Maud L. Parker, assistant, Primary School.

Hancock District. — Helen A. Hackett, assistant, Primary School.

Quincy District. — Roberta J. Hardie, assistant, Grammar School.

Washington Allston District. — Gertrude Weeks, assistant, Grammar School.

Manual Training Schools. — James C. Clarke, assistant instructor.

Schools of Cookery. — Elizabeth T. Sumner, instructor.

Laid over, under the rule.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Florence-street Kindergarten. — Elizabeth C. LeBourgeois, assistant, on probation, to the same position in the Appleton-street Kindergarten, on probation, to date from Oct. 2, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments of instructors in the Evening High, Evening Elementary, and of principals and assistants in Evening Drawing Schools for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

On motion of Mr. Gallivan the reading of said appointments was dispensed with.

Appointment of instructors in Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools.

Evening High School. — Assistants, John Abbott, Winchester, Harry N. Andrews, Boston, William F. Boos, Boston, William H. Brown, Boston, John J. Cadigan, Boston, Frank M. Copeland, Newton, Guy W. Cox, Boston, Louis S. Cox, Boston, Peter F. Gartland, Boston, E. Emmons Grover, Boston, Charles C. Haines, Boston, Frank M. McCutcheon, Boston, Samuel W. Mendum, Somerville, Arthur B. Morong, Boston, Herbert L. Morse, Boston, Henry C. Shaw, Newton, Charles E. Stetson, Quincy, from Sept. 25, 1899. Henry Johnston, Cambridge, from Sept. 27, 1899. John M. Connolly, Cambridge, George A. Cowen, Boston, Ernest B. Cresap, Cambridge, William R. P. Emerson, Boston, William H. Godfrey, Needham, Edwin A. Howes, Cambridge, John M. Hussey, Somerville, John H. Moore, Boston, George W. Ransom, Boston, Everett C. Roché, Cambridge, from Oct. 2, 1899. Theron H. Carter, Boston, Arthur Harrington, Boston, from Oct. 3, 1899. *Instructor of French.*—

Henri Morand, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899. *Instructors of French and German.* — Jacob Lehmann, Melrose, Frank Vogel, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899. *Instructors of Penmanship.* — William A. Whitehouse, Somerville, from Sept. 25, 1899. Frank B. Davis, Boston, Charles A. French, Somerville, Leon M. Wallace, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899. *Special Instructor of Penmanship.* — Charles T. Marsh, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899. *Instructors of Bookkeeping and Penmanship.* — Llewellyn O. White, Somerville, from Sept. 25, 1899. James W. Blaisdell, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899. *Instructors of Phonography.* — James B. Machugh, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Ewing W. Hamlen, Boston, from Sept. 27, 1899. Roy C. Gasser, Cambridge, Eugene A. Gilmore, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899. *Instructor of Phonography and Typewriting.* — Richard F. Sullivan, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. *Charlestown Branch. Assistant in charge.* —Walter L. Harrington, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. *East Boston Branch. Assistant in charge.* — Henry H. Folsom, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899.

Bigelow School. — First assistant, James H. Gormley, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Assistants, Emma J. Burke, Boston, Mary E. Farrell, Boston, Richard M. Freeman, Boston, Agnes J. Hallahan, Boston, Mary F. Keyes, Boston, Annie E. McWilliams, Boston, Mary F. Murphy, Boston, Mary E. O'Kane, Boston, Annie C. O'Reilly, Boston, Mary A. Rourke, Boston, May M. Stetson, Mary E. Thompson, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Laura M. Hentz, Boston, from Sept. 27, 1899.

Comins School. — First assistant, E. Irving Beal, Quincy, from Sept. 25, 1899. Assistants, Albert S. Ames, Malden, Isabel M. Horsford, Boston, Jennie M. Jackson, Boston, Mary L. Long, Malden, Minna B. Noyes, Boston, Sally Viles, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Elizabeth R. Brady, Boston, Emily Frazer, Boston, Sarah W. Moulton, Boston, Julia K. Ordway, Boston,

Martha F. Titus, Boston, Henrietta C. Wort, Boston, from Sept. 27, 1899. Helen M. French, Boston, from Sept. 28, 1899.

Dearborn School. — First assistant, Daniel W. Weis, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Assistants, Mary E. Meaney, Brookline, Ann M. Mitchell, Boston, Edward E. Sparhawk, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. John W. Dow, Boston, Howard S. Freeman, Boston, William W. Howe, Boston, Mary F. Murphy, Boston, from Sept. 27, 1899.

Eliot School. — First assistants, Rufus W. Sprague, Boston, Julius A. Weigmann, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Assistants, Margaret Coyle, Melrose, Mary A. Gunning, Boston, Annie C. Lamb, Boston, Mary F. Magrath, Boston, Bessie C. MacBrine, Boston, Stephen A. McIntire, Cambridge, Margaret G. Melia, Boston, Marie Morse, Boston, Sigmund Pollak, Boston, Grace H. Smith, Lexington, Annie M. Zbrosky, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Charles W. Averell, Boston, Maro B. Jones, Boston, Mary C. Maloy, Boston, Mary L. McCollough, Boston, Frank H. Noyes, Boston, Mary F. O'Brien, Boston, Helen DeS. Regan, Boston, from Sept. 26, 1899. Anna J. Griffin, Boston, from Sept. 27, 1899. Ida A. Merriam, Boston, Anna E. Neal, Boston, from Sept. 28, 1899. Mary F. Power, Boston, from Oct. 3, 1899.

Franklin School. — First assistants, James Burrier, Boston, Clarence P. Coburn, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Assistants, Mary A. Boland, Boston, George B. Buffington, Boston, Henriette Goldstein, Boston, Emma B. Huse, Somerville, Frances V. Keyes, Boston, Louis Leyser, Boston, Elizabeth E. O'Connell, Boston, Aloyse B. Tierney, Boston, Ede F. Travis Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. L. Frances Crane, Boston, Alice W. Emerson, Boston, Charlotte M. Frost, Boston, Susan L. Mara, Boston, Grace L. Putnam, Boston, Sarah F.

Woodworth, Boston, from Sept. 26, 1899. Annie G. Colbert, Boston, Mary C. Harrington, Boston, from Sept. 27, 1899.

Lincoln School. — First assistant, Joseph A. Reddy, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Assistants, Mary E. Donnelly, Boston, Mary C. Gartland, Boston, Mary E. Hartnett, Boston, Lillie M. M. Loughlin, Boston, Alice E. Thornton, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Margaret E. Quinn, Cambridge, from Sept. 29, 1899.

Lyman School. — Assistants, Natt T. Abbott, Boston, Minnie L. Butland, Boston, Henrietta Chase, Boston, Emma M. George, Boston, Annie G. Hughes, Boston, Martha S. Watson, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Hewitt G. Fletcher, Cambridge, from Sept. 28, 1899.

Mather School. — First assistant, Harlan P. Ford, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Assistants, Harvey Burbank, Boston, Clara A. Hawthorne, Boston, Mabel O. Mills, Somerville, Oscar E. Pease, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Elizabeth S. Downs, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Quincy School. — First assistant, Joseph T. F. Burrell, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Assistants, Marie F. Hill, Somerville, Mary P. Howland, Boston, Howard G. Kingman, Quincy, Edward N. Quinn, Medford, Kate V. Tiernay, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Frances M. Supple, Boston, from Oct. 4, 1899.

Warren School. — First assistant, Arthur Harrington, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Assistants, Lucy M. Bosworth, Boston, Abby G. Grandison, Mary A. Ryan, Agnes M. Turnbull, Boston, Mary G. Welch, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Sarah B. McGlinn, Boston, Sarah V. Porter, Boston, from Sept. 28, 1899. Florence A. McDonough, Boston, from Oct. 3, 1899.

Washington Allston School. — First assistant, John F. McGrath, Natick, from Sept. 25, 1899. Assistants, Ella F. Bent, Boston, Mary F. Callahan, Boston, Hattie C. Kennedy, Boston, Eleanor J. Murphy, Boston,

Fannie B. Sanderson, Boston, Avedis B. Selian, Boston, Emma F. Simmons, Brookline, from Sept. 25, 1899.

Wells School. — First assistant, W. Hector S. Kollmyer, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Assistants, Ida E. Bailey, Swampscott, Sidney E. Bailey, Swampscott, Maria L. Brennan, Cambridge, Lillian T. Bryant, Boston, Jessie A. Burr, Boston, Mattie M. Clough, Boston, Stanley W. C. Downey, Cambridge, Rosa Freedman, Boston, Ida E. Hall, Boston, Elmer E. Harris, Cambridge, Louise H. Hinckley, Cambridge, Myrtle T. King, Somerville, Annie B. Parker, Boston, Mary W. Perry, Malden, Anna M. T. Sheehan, Cambridge, Isabel A. Smith, Boston, Helen F. Tarpey, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899. Frances A. Curtis, Cambridge, from Sept. 27, 1899. Isabel H. Howe, Boston, Sarah Kallman, Boston, from Oct. 3, 1899. Anna K. Vackert, Boston, from Oct. 4, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

Principals of Evening Drawing Schools.

Principals of Evening Drawing Schools for the term 1899–1900, to date from Oct. 9, 1899:

Masters. — George H. Bartlett, Arlington; George Jepson, Boston.

Principals. — Charles L. Adams, Boston; Anson K. Cross, Ashland; Albert L. Ware, Cambridge.

Laid over, under the rule.

Appointments of instructors, Evening Drawing Schools.

Assistants. — Herbert W. Adams, Boston, Richard Andrew, Boston, Anna K. Blaisdell, Malden, Annie E. Blake, Arlington, James Brough, Boston, Henry K. Burrison, West Newton, J. Albert Cole, Newton Centre, William P. Edwards, Boston, John L. Frisbee, Everett, Joseph A. Frizzell, Boston, Vesper L. George, Malden, Josiah P. Hayward, Malden, William L. Judkins, Boston, Edward R. Kingsbury, Bos-

ton, Alexander Miller, Boston, Henry W. Poor, Medford, George F. Sibley, Somerville, William L. Skinner, Cambridge, Alvah C. Spencer, Boston, Herbert D. White, Malden, from Oct. 16, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence granted; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

English High School. — Charles F. Morse, Boston, substitute for George W. Evans, granted leave of absence.

Roxbury High School. — Josephine Hammond, Boston, substitute for Mabel F. Wheaton, assistant, granted leave of absence.

Edward Everett District. — Fanny Frizzell, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Jan. 13, 1900; E. Gertrude Clarke, Cambridge, substitute.

Franklin District. — Anna E. L. Parker, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 1, 1899, until Feb. 1, 1900; Minnie E. Sutherland, Boston, substitute.

John A. Andrew District. — Annie L. Clapp, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Jan. 13, 1900; Annie M. Zbrosky, Boston, substitute. Sarah E. Ferry, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Dec. 23, 1899; Mary C. Gartland, Boston, substitute.

Lowell District. — Mary W. Howard, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Jan. 1, 1900.

Lyman District. — Leonora E. Scolley, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 19, 1899, until Nov. 1, 1899; Theresa F. Dupree, Boston, substitute.

Minot District. — Catherine G. Foley, Boston, sub-

stitute for Sophia W. French, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Washington Allston District. — Grace E. Nickerson, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Nov. 1, 1899; Grace Hammond, Cambridge, substitute.

Instructor of Sewing. — Ella L. Thomas, Boston, substitute for Catherine L. Bigelow, granted leave of absence.

Thetford-street Kindergarten. — Sarah T. Whitmarsh, principal, from Sept. 21, 1899, until Jan. 21, 1900; Julia G. Davison, Boston, substitute.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and application for leave of absence, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Adams District. — Florence E. Marshall, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Dearborn District. — Mary L. Long, Malden, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 26, 1899.

Quincy District. — Evelyn E. Kelley, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Washington Allston District. — Mary A. Duston, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 15, 1899. Ella L. Sullivan, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899. Grace Hammond, Cambridge, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 9, 1899.

Rules suspended.

The employment of the teachers named was approved, under a suspension of the rules.

The reports of the Superintendent of teachers appointed to those positions were placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Teacher on probation.

Winthrop District. — Helen DeS. Regan, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Dudley District. — Catherine M. McGinley, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 1, 1899, until Jan. 1, 1900.

Leave of absence to Catherine M. McGinley.

Granted, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Subsequently the Superintendent presented the following appointments:

ON PROBATION.

Brighton High School. — Grace I. Fox, Boston, special teacher of phonography, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial geography and commercial law, from Oct. 16, 1899.

Teachers on probation.

Charlestown High School. — Richard F. Sullivan, Boston, special teacher of bookkeeping, commercial geography and commercial law, from Oct. 3, 1899.

Dorchester High School. — William L. Anderson, Boston, special teacher of phonography, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial geography and commercial law, from Oct. 6, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

The Superintendent presented the following:

Communication from Superintendent; revision of Course of Study Evening Drawing Schools.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
October 10, 1899.

To the School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

In response to the order adopted by the School Board February 28, 1899: "That the Superintendent be requested to consider and report at an early date upon the advisability of revising the Course of Study for Evening Drawing Schools," I respectfully report that a revised Course of Study for the Evening Drawing Schools, having the approval of the Master of those schools, and that of the Director of Drawing, is now submitted to the School Board for such action as may be deemed best. I suggest that, pending final action of the Board, this proposed Course of Study be printed.

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the report was accepted, and the Course of Study ordered to be printed.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

Payment to Boston Electric Light Co. for wiring Benjamin Dean School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to approve the payment to the Boston Electric Light Co. of the sum of seventy-five dollars ($75) for wiring for two exhaust fans and two fan motors at the Benjamin Dean School-house, South Boston.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of revised plans and specifications for fitting up lecture room and laboratories, West Roxbury High School-house.

Ordered, That the accompanying revised plans and specifications for fittings of the lecture room and chemical and physical laboratories in the West Roxbury High School-house, prepared by Andrews, Jaques & Rantoul, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute orders of addition to contracts to cover cost of the necessary changes, as follows:

Mack & Moore, building	$1,295 80
William Lumb & Co., heating . . .	640 00
Edward C. Kelley, plumbing . . .	1,700 00

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the rules were suspended and the order passed.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; site for new Primary School-house, Roxbury. [See pp. 257, 258.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 13 — a petition from Philip Sundell *et als.*, in favor of the selection of a lot of land on Columbus avenue, between Cunard and Coventry streets, as a site for a new Primary School-house, reported that after careful consideration of the present and future needs of the district, they became convinced that a site on Parker, Willis and Caldwell streets, which had been tendered at a much lower price than the lot designated by the petitioners, presented more

advantages for school purposes; and on the recommendation of your committee an order was passed by the Board, at its meeting on Sept. 12, for the acquirement of that lot. Your committee believe that the decision arrived at will prove satisfactory to a majority of the residents of the district, and for the best interests of the city; and they now recommend that the petitioners be granted leave to withdraw.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; naming of new Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester. [See p. 375.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 26 — an order that the new Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be named the Phillips Brooks School, in honor of the late Bishop Brooks, reported that many of our school-houses already bear the names of illustrious men and women whose services to city, state and country have been fittingly perpetuated by being associated with that enduring monument, our free public school system, the foundations of which were laid by the first settlers upon our shores. In adding to these names the one that has been suggested for this, our latest Grammar School, we feel that in honoring Phillips Brooks we honor ourselves, and that no name could have been selected more appropriate, more filled with lofty example to the pupils and teachers who are to enter the doors of this school, than his, whose life and influence bound to him the affection and respect of the entire community. Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the new Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be named the Phillips Brooks School, in honor of the late Bishop Brooks.

Rules suspended.

The report was accepted. On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the rules were suspended, and the order passed unanimously, by a rising vote.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; site for new Primary School-house, Dorchester District.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that in accordance with the order passed by the Board at its meeting of May 9, proposals for selling to the city a lot of land in Ward 20, Dorchester District, for a site for a new Primary School-house have been advertised for and received, and a public hearing granted, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897. Your committee now recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take by purchase or otherwise, for a site for a new Primary School-house in Ward 20, Dorchester District, a parcel of land supposed to belong to J. M. Beals, and bounded and described as follows: Southeast by Tonawanda street, about one hundred forty-nine and $\frac{93}{100}$ feet; south by a curved line forming the junction of Tonawanda and Claybourne streets, about twenty-four and $\frac{25}{100}$ feet; southwest by Claybourne street, about one hundred twenty-two and $\frac{44}{100}$ feet; northwest by land supposed to belong to Archibald T. Davison, about eighty-seven and $\frac{84}{100}$ feet; northeast by land supposed to belong to Minnie B. Beals, about fifty feet; again northwest by the same, about eighty-seven and $\frac{83}{100}$ feet; again northeast by Greenbrier street, about eighty-five and $\frac{74}{100}$ feet; and east by a curved line forming the junction of Greenbrier and Tonawanda streets, about fifteen and $\frac{25}{100}$ feet; containing twenty thousand three hundred fifty-two (20,352) square feet, more or less.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Davison, the order was referred to the Committee on the Ninth Division by a vote of 16 to 1.

Execution of contract for furnishing Frederick A. Whitney School-house.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Chand-

ler Adjustable Chair and Desk Company in the sum of eight hundred thirty-seven and $\frac{80}{100}$ dollars ($837.80) for furnishing the Frederick A. Whitney School-house, said concern being the lowest bidder.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 12 — an order that the fence and yard of the Quincy-street Primary School-house, Mather District, be put into safe and proper condition at once, reported that the matter has received attention, and no further action is necessary.

Report of Committee on School Houses; condition of fence and yard of Quincy-street Primary School-house. [See p. 350.

Accepted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 26 — an order that the School-house Agent be requested to repair at once the motor on which the ventilation of the Hyde School-house is dependent, which has been long out of order, reported that the matter has received attention, and no further action by the Board is necessary.

Report of Committee on School Houses; repair of motor in Hyde School-house. [See p. 376.]

Accepted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported for the approval of the Board, the following appointment:

Report of Committee on School Houses; appointment of janitress of Parkman School, Silver street.

JANITRESS.

Parkman School, Silver street. — Mrs. Honora Hanlan, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Accepted, and the appointment approved.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, it was

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered the use of the lot at the corner of Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown, be granted to the boys attending the Charlestown High School as a playground.

Use of lot at corner of Adams and Chestnut streets as a playground.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Establishment of Kindergarten in Webb School-house.

Ordered, That the Board authorize the establishment of a kindergarten in the Webb School-house, Lyman District.

Mr. McDonald offered the following:

Suspension of sessions of Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools, Oct. 13, 1899.

Ordered, That the sessions of the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools be suspended on Friday evening, October 13, 1899, and that the salaries of the teachers in these schools be allowed and paid for said evening.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report, Committee on Rules and Regulations; one daily session in Christopher Gibson School. [See p. 391.]

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — May 9 — a petition signed by Clara May Ripley *et als.*, that but one session a day be held during the winter months for those children attending the Christopher Gibson School, reported that there seems to be no reason for allowing this school to hold but one daily session that is not equally applicable to other schools, and your committee do not deem it expedient to make an exception to the general rule for the benefit of this particular district. They therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Special teacher of commercial subjects, Brighton High School.

Ordered, That a special teacher of phonography, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial geography, and commercial law be allowed in the Brighton High School.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Special teacher of commercial subjects, Dorchester High School.

Ordered, That a special teacher of phonography, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial geography, and commercial law be allowed in the Dorchester High School.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That a special teacher of bookkeeping, commercial geography and commercial law be allowed in the Charlestown High School.

Special teacher commercial subjects, Charlestown High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the appointment of an assistant to the teacher of Physical Culture in the Roxbury High School, be authorized.

Appointment of assistant to teacher Physical Culture, Roxbury High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools are hereby authorized to transmit to Sidney M. Ballou, who was graduated from the English High School in 1888, the Franklin Medal to which he is, in their opinion, justly entitled, and which he has never received.

Franklin Medal to Sidney M. Ballou.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, to whom was referred — June 29 — the reappointments of instructors in the Lowell District, for the term ending August 31, 1900, as presented by the Superintendent; all of said reappointments to date from Sept. 1, 1899, viz.: Annie Dooley, Susan H. Nugent, Mary V. Prendergast, Eleanor F. Somerby, assistants, Grammar School (on probation), reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend that said reappointments be approved.

Report of Committee on Eighth Division; reappointment of instructors, Lowell District. [See p. 285.]

Accepted, and the reappointments approved.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That an additional assistant, Grammar School, be allowed in the Robert G. Shaw District, on account of the long distance between the schools.

Additional Grammar School assistant, Robert G. Shaw District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Ordered, That the morning session of the Winship

Morning ses-

sion of Winthrop School.

School end at 11: 45 o'clock A.M., and that the usual recess be dispensed with.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Afternoon session of Aberdeen School dispensed with.

Ordered, That the afternoon session of the Aberdeen Primary School in the Bennett District be dispensed with, and that the morning session continue from 9 o'clock A.M. to 2 o'clock P.M.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of James Burrier.
[See p. 375.]

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries to whom was referred — Sept. 26 — an order that James Burrier, assistant Grammar School, in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his rank, to date from Sept. 13, 1899, reported that Mr. Burrier has taught in the public schools of this city for more than nine years, and previous to his resignation from the service, Aug. 31, 1898, received a larger salary, as submaster in another school, than he now enjoys in the position to which he has recently been appointed. Taking these facts into consideration your committee are of the opinion that he should be placed upon the maximum salary of his present rank, and accordingly recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That James Burrier, assistant Grammar School, in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his rank to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary special teacher commercial subjects, Brighton High School.

Ordered, That the salary of the special teacher of phonography, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial geography and commercial law in the Brighton High School be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Thomas G. Rees, junior-master in the Mechanic Arts High School, be placed upon the sixth year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Salary of Thomas G. Rees.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the special teacher of drawing in the English High School be fixed at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500) per annum, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Salary special teacher drawing, English High School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Michael J. Crowley, the sum of forty-three dollars ($43) per month, for services rendered as janitor of the Wait School, during the months of July, August, and September, 1899.

Payment to Michael J. Crowley.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Charles D. Gallagher, the sum of sixty-eight dollars ($68) per month, for services rendered as temporary janitor of the Wells School, during the months of July, August, and September, 1899.

Payment to Charles D. Gallagher.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Benjamin Dean School be fixed at the rate of seven hundred eighty dollars ($780) per annum, to date from Sept. 5, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of janitor of Benjamin Dean School.

Mr. Gallivan moved a suspension of the rules, to permit the passage of the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor, and the order was accordingly laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of janitor of Parkman School.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Parkman School, Silver street, be fixed at the rate of three hundred dollars ($300) per annum, to date from Sept. 13, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, for the Special Committee on the Reception to Admiral Dewey, it was

School-houses to be open Saturday, October 14, 1899.

Ordered, That the head-masters and masters of the several Normal, Latin, High and Grammar Schools be instructed to have their school-houses open and their teachers present at eight o'clock or earlier on the morning of Saturday, October 14, 1899, for the purpose of carrying out such instructions as may be issued by authority of the Special Committee on the Reception to Admiral Dewey with regard to the reception to be tendered him by the public school children on Boston Common that day.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Suspension of afternoon sessions of schools on Oct. 13, 1899.

Ordered, That the afternoon session of all the public schools be suspended on Friday, October 13, 1899, and that the morning session close at twelve o'clock noon.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same Committee offered the following:

Expenditure of money in connection with reception to Admiral Dewey.

Ordered, That the Special Committee on the Reception to Admiral Dewey be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars ($3,000) in connection with the reception to be tendered Admiral Dewey by the public school children on Boston Common, Saturday, Oct. 14, 1899; and that the amount to be so expended shall be charged to the appropriation for "Supplies and Incidentals."

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the foregoing order was declared passed, hoping his motion would not prevail.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to allow the use of the second floor of the old Winthrop School-house, Charlestown, for school purposes.

Use of second floor old Winthrop School-house, Charlestown, for school purposes.

Mr. Berridge offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500) for fitting up the second floor of the old Winthrop School-house, Charlestown, for school purposes.

Expenditure for fitting up second floor old Winthrop School-house, Charlestown.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Burrill offered the following:

Ordered, That the offices of the School Committee, Mason street, be closed on Saturday, Oct. 14, 1899.

Offices of School Committee closed Oct. 14, 1899.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Burrill offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be requested to consider and report upon the necessity for providing a new Grammar School-house in the Third Division.

New Grammar School-house, Third Division.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

On motion of Mr. Bennett, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to lay a brick sidewalk in front of the Wyman School-house, Ward 22, the sidewalk in front of said school being in a bad condition.

Superintendent of Streets to lay brick sidewalk in front of Wyman School-house, Ward 22.

Dr. Calderwood presented the following:

To the School Committee of City of Boston:

The undersigned, parents and physicians concerned with the care of children attending the Homestead-street School petition

Petition from Charles F. Withington *et als.*, for

improved sanitation of Homestead-street School.

your body to carefully consider the sanitary arrangements of this school which have been found unsuitable and unwholesome, and beg that they be put in a safe and first-class condition as promptly as possible.

CHARLES F. WITHINGTON,
(and thirteen others.)

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of Frank E. Bateman as member of Boston School Committee.

BOSTON, Oct. 3, 1899.

Henry D. Huggan, Esq., President, Boston School Committee:

DEAR SIR, — As I have recently become a resident of another city, I hereby respectfully tender my resignation as a member of the School Committee of Boston, to take immediate effect.

Yours very truly,

FRANK E. BATEMAN.

Placed on file.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committees, viz.:

Appointment of Standing Committees on Music, Drawing and Manual Training.

Music. — Elizabeth C. Keller, Chairman; Messrs. Gallivan, Berridge, Calderwood and Brett.

Drawing. — James A. McDonald, Chairman; Messrs. Davison, Merritt, Kenny and Bennett.

Manual Training. — Emily A. Fifield, Chairman; Messrs. Anderson, Coolidge, Burrill and McDonough.

The appointments were approved.

The Chair presented the following:

Mr. McDonald's resignation of Chairmanship of Committee on Truant Officers.

BOSTON, MASS., Sept. 26, 1899.

Mr. Henry D. Huggan, President of the Boston School Committee:

DEAR SIR, — I herewith present my resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Truant officers.

Yours truly,

JAMES A. McDONALD.

Accepted.

Appointment of Chairman of Committee on Truant Officers.

The Chair appointed Mr. Nichols as Chairman of the Committee on Truant Officers to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. McDonald.

The appointment was approved.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the order passed by the Board at the meeting of August 15 (see Minutes, page 333) authorizing the appointment of a special committee of five to consider and formulate a plan for the instruction in music in the public schools, was rescinded.

Order authorizing appointment of special committee on music rescinded. [See p. 333.]

Mr. Aldrich offered the following:

Ordered, That the term of probation of Annie Dooley, Susan H. Nugent, Mary V. Prendergast, and Eleanor F. Somerby, teachers in the Grammar School of the Lowell District, be extended one year from September 1, 1899.

Extension of term of probation of Annie Dooley, Susan H. Nugent, Mary V. Prendergast and Eleanor F. Somerby.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, October 24, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half past seven o'clock P.M., the president in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Aldrich, Bowdlear, Fleischer, and Strange.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments, confirmations and transfer presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, with the exception of principals of Evening Drawing Schools, which appointments, required approval by ballot.

Mr. Courtney offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Employment of teachers in excess of number allowed by rules.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The appointments, confirmations and transfer presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting were approved.

Appointments, confirmations and transfer laid over, approved.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments of principals of Evening Drawing Schools, and that under the rules the approval of such appointments must be by ballot.

Principals of Evening Drawing Schools. [See p. 390.]

On motion of Mr. Merritt, the Board proceeded to ballot for the following-named principals of Evening Drawing Schools, for the term 1899–1900, to date from Oct. 9, 1899.

Ballot.

Masters. — George H. Bartlett, Arlington; George Jepson, Boston.

Principals. — Charles L. Adams, Boston; Anson K. Cross, Ashland; Albert L. Ware, Cambridge.

The Chair appointed Mr. Merritt, Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Burrill a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said instructors.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 12; necessary for a choice, 13.

There was no choice.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to a second ballot.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 15; necessary for a choice, 13. The several masters and principals named had each 15 votes, and they were accordingly declared elected for the term 1899–1900.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Salary, special teacher, commercial subjects, Brighton High School. [See p. 400.]

Ordered, That the salary of the special teacher of phonography, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial geography and commercial law in the Brighton High School be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum.

Passed.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Gallivan, the vote whereby the foregoing order was declared passed, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan the order was amended by adding the words "to date from Oct. 16, 1899."

The order as amended passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Salary of janitor of

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Benjamin Dean School be fixed at the rate of seven hundred

eighty dollars ($780) per annum, to date from Sept. 5, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Benjamin Dean School. [See p. 401.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500) for fitting up the second floor of the old Winthrop School-house, Charlestown, for school purposes.

Expenditure for fitting up second floor old Winthrop School-house, Charlestown. [See p. 403.]

Passed.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Berridge, the vote whereby the foregoing order was declared passed, was reconsidered.

Mr. Berridge, with the unanimous consent of the Board, withdrew the order.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read, and successively passed.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Parkman School, Silver street, be fixed at the rate of three hundred dollars ($300) per annum, to date from Sept. 13, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of janitor of Parkman School. [See p. 402.]

Ordered, That the salary of the special teacher of drawing in the English High School be fixed at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500) per annum, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Salary, special teacher drawing, English High School. [See p. 401.]

Ordered, That Thomas G. Rees, junior master in the Mechanic Arts High School, be placed upon the sixth year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Salary of Thomas G. Rees. [See p. 401.]

Ordered, That James Burrier, assistant, Grammar School, in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his rank to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Salary of James Burrier. [See p. 400.]

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Company in the

Execution of contract for furnishing

Frederick A. Whitney School-house. [See pp. 396, 397.]

sum of eight hundred thirty-seven and $\frac{80}{100}$ dollars ($837.80) for furnishing the Frederick A. Whitney School-house, said concern being the lowest bidder.

Payment to Boston Electric Light Co. for wiring Benjamin Dean School-house. [See p. 394.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to approve the payment to the Boston Electric Light Company of the sum of seventy-five dollars ($75) for wiring for two exhaust fans and two fan motors at the Benjamin Dean School-house, South Boston.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, October 16, 1899.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land on Dorchester avenue taken for school purposes.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Albert K. Teele and Richard C. Humphreys, trustees, under the will of Edmund J. Baker, upon the sum of eight hundred fifty-nine and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, as payment for their land on Dorchester avenue, at Dorchester, taken, for school purposes, by the City of Boston, September 16, 1896 and November 17, 1897 (takings recorded same dates), upon the said trustees giving to the city a deed for said land so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, October 17, 1899.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land on Parker, Willis and Caldwell streets, for school purposes.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Street Commissioners beg leave to inform you that, in accordance with your request in the order received by the Board, on October 13, they took, and have this day recorded their taking of, about twenty thousand square feet of land from William Claflin, on Parker, Willis and Caldwell streets, for the City of Boston, for school purposes.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

STREET DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
BOSTON, October 20, 1899.

Communication from Superintendent of Streets; sidewalk in front of Wyman School-house, West Roxbury.

Mr. Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary, School Committee, Mason street, Boston:

DEAR SIR,—In regard to vote of School Committee passed October 10, 1899, I beg to inform you that if your department will furnish the bricks for the sidewalk in front of the Wyman School-house, West Roxbury, this department will be pleased to lay them for you.

Yours very truly,
B. W. WELLS,
Supt. of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, October 5, 1899.

Communication from City Council; discontinuance of Parkman School-house, South Boston.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to discontinue the use of the Parkman School-house, South Boston; said building being in an unfit condition for school purposes.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, October 9.

Concurred.

A true copy.
Attest:
JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, October 12, 1899.

Communication from City Council; surrender of Austin School-house to School Committee.

Ordered, That the Austin School-house on Paris street, East Boston, which was surrendered by the School Committee February 12, 1895, be transferred from the custody of the Street Commissioners to the custody of the School Committee; the use of said building for school purposes being again required.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, October 16.

Concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, October 19, 1899.

A true copy.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; books to be furnished Evening School on Spectacle Island.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, October 9, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to consider the matter of furnishing books for a night school at Spectacle Island.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

October 19, came up concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; entrance to new High School-house, Dorchester.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, October 19, 1899.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to notify the School Committee that the entrance to the new high school building in Dorchester, on the west side, which is the most prominent side of said building, is not in keeping with the general plan of the structure; and, in the opinion of the Common Council, said committee should take such action as will bring about a satisfactory alteration of said entrance.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, October 19, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, October 20, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; new

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, October 19, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to petition the General Court, at its next session, for the passage of an act to authorize a loan of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, outside of the debt limit, to

be expended in the construction and furnishing of a new high school building in the Charlestown district.

High School building, Charlestown.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, October 19, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, October 20, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; sanitary condition of Weston-street Primary School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, October 5, 1899.

Resolved, That it is criminal to compel teachers and pupils to attend the Weston-street School while the building remains in its present unhealthy condition; it is a menace to life, and it cannot be explained why this fact is overlooked.

This Council demands that the school-house be closed forthwith and not reopened until its healthfulness is unquestioned.

His Honor the Mayor is hereby respectfully requested to transmit this resolve to the School Committee, and to urge that body to take immediate action to remedy existing evils.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, October 5, 1899.

Passed.

DANIEL J. KILEY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, October 14, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; repairs on

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, October 19, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council why repairs have not been made on the Phillips School-house in accordance with the appropriation already made for the purpose, and that

Phillips School-house.

the attention of said committee be hereby called to the necessity of immediately causing said repairs to be made, in order to ensure the health of the teachers and pupils who are obliged to occupy this building.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, October 19, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, October 20, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for report.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; contract of Frank G. Coburn.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, October 19, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council why the contractor, Frank G. Coburn, to whom the contract was awarded for building a school-house in East Boston at a cost of $85,000 was allowed to add over $7,000 to his original figure, after the bids had been opened and contract signed.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, October 19, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, October 20, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; children's reception to Admiral Dewey, Oct. 14, 1899.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY HALL, BOSTON, October 18, 1899.

To the School Committee:

I desire to congratulate your Board upon the satisfactory manner in which the plan of assembling so large a proportion of the school children of the city upon Boston Common to greet Admiral Dewey, on his visit here on October 14, was carried

out. The difficulties in the way of carrying out the unique idea of assembling some 25,000 children in one spot, and getting them safely dispersed, without accident or disorder, must have been considerable, and I feel that the committee in charge, and the Secretary, Mr. Apollonio, are entitled to commendation for the success of this important feature of the reception to Admiral Dewey by the city of Boston.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

Placed on file.

Mr. Berridge offered the following:

Resolved, That this Board hereby expresses its warm commendation of the manner in which the Special Committee on the Reception to Admiral Dewey carried out the school children's reception to the Admiral on Saturday, Oct. 14, 1899, and congratulates the Committee upon the successful accomplishment of the event, which proved to be one of the most impressive features of the day.

School children's reception to Admiral Dewey.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

The Chair presented communications from the Board of Health, relative to the sanitary condition of the Hawes School-house, South Boston, the Austin School-house, East Boston, and the Trinity Baptist Church, East Boston (used for school purposes).

Communications from Board of Health; sanitary condition of school-houses.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Dorchester High School. — Richard F. Sullivan, special instructor of phonography and typewriting, Oct. 3, 1899.

Resignations.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth N. Smith, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 1, 1899.

Eliot District. — Adolin M. Steele, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 24, 1899.

Prince District. — Ellen P. Longfellow, assistant, Grammar School, Nov. 1. 1899.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfer for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Agassiz District. — Margaret M. Burton, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Bennett District. — Elizabeth G. Burke, Boston, from Oct. 11, 1899.

Bowditch District. — Sara L. Palmer, Boston, from Oct. 17, 1899; Anna K. Vackert, Boston, from Oct. 13, 1899.

Dearborn District. — Mattie M. Clough, Boston, from Oct. 10, 1899.

Dudley District. — Edith E. Knowlton, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Everett District. — Annie M. F. Farrell, Boston, from Oct. 16, 1899.

Frothingham District. — Florence O. Brock, Boston, from Oct. 4, 1899.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Grace M. Maher, Boston, from Oct. 9, 1899.

Winthrop District. — Katherine E. Cotter, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Shurtleff School. — Mae I. Wigley, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Thomas N. Hart School. — Alice J. Sughrue, Boston, from Oct. 16, 1899.

Winchell School. — Mary P. Corrigan, Boston, from Oct. 5, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Gaston District. — Katherine E. Goode, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 1, 1899. Mary F. Magrath, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Oct. 31, 1899, inclusive.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Emily I. Boardman, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Sept. 29, 1899, inclusive. Emma S. Gulliver, Brookline, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 2, 1899, until Oct. 19, 1899, inclusive. Elizabeth R. Brady, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 20, 1899, until Oct. 27, 1899, inclusive.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Grace M. Maher, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Oct. 6, 1899, inclusive.

John A. Andrew District. — Annie C. O'Reilly, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Lewis District. — Beatrice L. Hadcock, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Oct. 31, 1899, inclusive.

Minot District. — Mary E. Farrell, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 12, 1899.

Winthrop District. — Annie E. McWilliams, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 15, 1899.

Placed on file.

REAPPOINTMENTS OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Normal School. — Mary L. Vining, Boston, assistant, from Nov. 13, 1899.

Boys' Latin School. — Walter H. Russell, Boston, junior-master, from Nov. 21, 1899.

English High School. — La Roy F. Griffin, Boston, junior-master, from Nov. 27, 1899.

Girls' High School. — Mary H. Shed, Boston, assistant, from Nov. 14, 1899.

Mechanic Arts High School. — John M. Connolly, Cambridge, junior-master, from Nov. 13, 1899.

Agassiz District. — Gertrude V. Sharp, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 13, 1899.

Christopher Gibson District. — Caroline W. Heckle, Boston, Isabel M. Horsford, Boston, assistants, Primary School, from Nov. 13, 1899.

John A. Andrew District. — Annie C. O'Reilly, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 13, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation

Girls' High School. — Abby N. Arnold, Boston, assistant, from Oct. 24, 1899. Florence M. Kilburn, Boston, assistant, from Oct. 10, 1899.

Everett District. — Louise Robinson, Boston, first assistant Primary School, from Oct. 25, 1899.

Lewis District. — Emily I. Boardman, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 10, 1899.

Longfellow District. — Herbert S. Packard, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, third year, from Sept. 21, 1899.

Mary Hemenway District. — Cecilia Coyle, Melrose, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Oct. 25, 1899.

Prince District. — Lillian F. Sheldon, Boston, first assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 2, 1899, Rosalie C. Williams, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 1, 1899.

Tileston District. — F. Mabel Sykes, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 1, 1899.

Wells District. — Margaret G. Melia, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 16, 1899.

Instructors of Sewing. — Annie M. Cullen, Boston from Oct. 18, 1899; Frances Tully, Boston, from Oct. 17, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Boylston Chapel. — Alice V. Tuttle, Chelsea, assistant, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Shurtleff School. — Frances S. Tufts, Boston, principal, from Nov. 15, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Mary Hemenway District. — Fanny L. Short, assistant, Grammar School, Florence G. Willis, assistant, Primary School.

Minot District. — Celia A. Scribner, first assistant, Primary School.

Wells District. — Clara B. Shaw, assistant, Grammar School.

Instructor of Sewing. — Ella L. Thomas.

Manual Training Schools. — Sybel G. Brown, assistant instructor.

Kindergartens.

Centre-street School. — R. Genevieve McMorrow, assistant.

Choate Burnham School. — Marita M. Burdett, principal.

Cushman School. — Anne R. Howard, principal, Laura W. Montague, assistant.

Cyrus Alger School. — Ruth Perry, assistant.

Laid over, under the rule.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Bigelow District. — William L. Murphy, sub-master, to the same position in the Comins District, to date from Oct. 25, 1899.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan the rules were suspended and the transfer approved.

Appointments of instructors Evening High

The Superintendent presented the following appointments of instructors in the Evening High and Evening

and Evening Elementary Schools.

Elementary Schools for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the rules and regulations :

Evening High School. — Assistants, Frederick N. Brown, Boston, William C. Crawford, Boston, Joseph A. Ewart, Braintree, Ralph W. Gifford, Cambridge, Herbert S. Weaver, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899 ; Robert L. Emerson, Cambridge, from Oct. 3, 1899 ; Frank E. Poole, Boston, from Oct. 10, 1899 ; Silas P. Beebe, Cambridge, from Oct. 18, 1899 ; Irving M. Norcross, Weymouth, from Oct. 19, 1899. *Instructor of German.* — Joseph Blachstein, Boston, from Oct. 2, 1899. *Instructor of Phonography.* — James Varcoe, Boston, from Oct. 3, 1899. *Instructor of Penmanship.* — Michael H. Sullivan, Boston, from Oct. 4, 1899.

Eliot School. — Assistants, Harriet E. Ells, Boston, from Oct. 5, 1899 ; Victor V. Thompson, Ashland, from Oct. 10, 1899 ; Helen M. Cleveland, Boston, Annie M. F. Farrell, Boston, from Oct. 16, 1899 ; Elizabeth G. Burke, Boston, from Oct. 23, 1899.

Lincoln School. — First Assistant, John F. McGrath, Natick, from Oct. 6, 1899.

Quincy School. — Assistants, Hairabed S. Jelalian, Boston, from Oct. 9, 1899 ; Albert S. Briggs, Boston, from Oct. 17, 1899.

Washington Allston School. — First Assistant, Walter H. Russell, Boston, from Oct. 5, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board :

Dudley District. — Isabella H. Howe, Boston, substitute for Catherine M. McGinley, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Edward Everett District. — E. Mabel Clarke, Boston, substitute for Fanny Frizzell, assistant, Primary School, granted leave of absence.

Everett District. — Estelle M. Williams, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Dec. 13, 1899; Margaret C. Littlefield, Boston, substitute.

Frothingham District. — Walter L. Harrington, sub-master, from Oct. 22, 1899, until Feb. 22, 1900; John A. Russell, Boston, substitute.

Hancock District. — Ariel D. Savage, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 2, 1899, until Jan. 1, 1900; Anna M. T. Sheehan, Cambridge, substitute. Catherine W. Fraser, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 2, 1899, until Jan. 1, 1900; F. Maud Briggs, Chelsea, substitute.

Hyde District. — Etta Yerdon, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 16, 1899, until Jan. 1, 1900; Prudence E. Thomas, Boston, substitute. Rose A. Mitchell, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 11, 1899, until Dec. 1, 1899; Edith Irving, Boston, substitute. Mary B. Adams, Boston, substitute for Celia Bamber, assistant, Primary School, granted leave of absence.

Lawrence District. — Sarah E. Lakeman, first assistant, Primary School, from Sept, 19, 1899, until Jan. 19, 1900; Jennie E. Bailey, Newton, substitute.

Mary Hemenway District. — Susan J. Berigan, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 16, 1899, until Nov. 16, 1899; Anna M. White, Boston, substitute.

Prince District. — Seth Sears, sub-master, from Sept. 28, 1899, until January 1, 1900.

Wells District. — Adelaide A. Rea, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 11, 1899, until Nov. 23, 1899; Emily Frazer, Boston, substitute.

Manual Training Schools. — Fannie B. Prince, Boston, substitute for Edith A. Pope, assistant instructor, granted leave of absence.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and transfer, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Bowditch District. — Anna K. Vackert, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Oct. 13, 1899.

Gaston District. — Elsie M. Paul, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Oct. 31, 1899, inclusive. Florence E. Bryan, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 1, 1899.

George Putnam District. — Marion L. Owen, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899, until Oct. 12, 1899, inclusive. Harriet E. Ells, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 13, 1899.

Lyman District. — Jessie L. Adams, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 12, 1899.

Sherwin District. — Mary F. Sullivan, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 2, 1899.

Rules suspended.

The employment of the teachers named was approved, under a suspension of the rules.

The report of the Superintendent, of the teachers appointed to these positions, was placed on file.

REAPPOINTMENTS OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Charles Sumner District. — Alice C. Clapp, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 13, 1899.

Dearborn District. — Mary L. Long, Malden, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 27, 1899.

Washington Allston District. — Mary A. Duston, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 15, 1899. Ella L. Sullivan, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 13, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

ON PROBATION.

Bigelow District. — John F. McGrath, Natick, submaster, from Oct. 25, 1899. Teachers on probation.

Quincy District. — Evelyn E. Kelley, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, third year, from Nov. 1, 1899.

Dorchester High School. — William L. Anderson, Boston, special teacher of phonography, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial geography and commercial law, from Oct. 3, 1899.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

Subsequently, the Superintendent presented the following appointments: Rules suspended.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Longfellow District. — Mary B. Adams, Boston, from Oct. 23, 1899. Special assistant.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

ON PROBATION.

Girls' High School. — Helen Torrey, Gloucester, special teacher of phonography, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial geography and commercial law, from Nov. 1, 1899. Teacher on probation.

Laid over under the rule.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following;

Ordered, That the Board authorize the expenditure of one hundred and twenty-eight dollars ($128) for making connections for electric power and lighting at the Frederick A. Whitney School-house. Expenditure for wiring Frederick A. Whitney School-house for electric lighting.

Laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to permit the use of the old engine-house on Mt. Vernon street, West Roxbury, for school purposes. Use of old engine-house on Mt. Vernon street, West Roxbury, for school purposes.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; drill accommodations for Dorchester High School.

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, reported that they have hired the hall in the Club House, Centre street, Dorchester, at an expense not exceeding five ($5) per week for actual use thereof, for drill hall accommodations for the Dorchester High School.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; additional school accommodations, Wells District.

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, reported that they have provided additional school accommodations for pupils in the Wells District, to date from Oct. 25, 1899, by hiring a portion of the Presbyterian Church on Chambers street, at a rental of eight hundred dollars ($800) per annum, the church to bear one-half the expense of constructing necessary partitions.

Accepted.

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, offered the following:

Purchase of land on Dorchester avenue for school purposes. [See p. 410.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Albert K. Teele and Richard C. Humphreys, trustees under the will of Edmund J. Baker, the sum of eight hundred fifty-nine and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($859.50), as payment for their land on Dorchester avenue, at Dorchester, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, September 16, 1896, and November 17, 1897 (takings recorded same dates), upon the said trustees giving to the city a deed for said land so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appropriation for enlargement of Gilbert Stuart School lot.

Ordered, That from the various sums appropriated for purposes named out of the amounts granted the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, and chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following transfers be made to the appropriation, Gilbert Stuart lot, enlargement, the same being unexpended balances not required for the purposes for which they were originally appropriated:

Temporary wooden building in yard of Noble School-house	$ 23
Temporary wooden building in yard of Morton-street School-house	53
Temporary wooden building in yard of old Gibson School-house	63
Temporary wooden building in yard of Frothingham School-house	4 06
Temporary wooden buildings, furnishing	6 61
New Grammar School-house, Harris District	4 76
Old Gibson School-house yard, grading	22 00
Gilbert Stuart School-house lot, grading	290 67
Cudworth School-house lot, grading	227 91
Mayhew School-house, furnishing	302 10
	$859 50

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; accommodations for Kindergarten in Longfellow District.

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, reported that they have hired the vestry of the Unitarian Church in the Longfellow District for kindergarten purposes, at a rental of six hundred dollars ($600) per annum, which amount includes heat and janitor service, to date from Oct. 23, 1899.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; temporary accommodations in Eliot District.

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, reported that for several years temporary accommodations for pupils in the Eliot District have been provided in the Moon-street Parochial Building, at a cost of fifty-five dollars per month per room. Recently it has been found practicable to give up two of the nine rooms thus occupied, but the rental of the remaining seven rooms has been increased five dollars per month each, for the reason that the two rooms referred to are so situated as to prevent their use for other purposes while our occupancy of the other seven rooms continues. This change of rental dates from Oct. 1, 1899.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; temporary

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, reported that in connection with the construction of the new Grammar School-house in the Chapman District, East Boston,

wooden building on lot of Chapman School.

it has been found necessary to make some arrangement for the disposal of the temporary building on said lot. The expense of removing this building to another site for further occupancy for school purposes would practically equal its original cost, and after making several efforts to dispose of it more advantageously, your committee have authorized its removal by the contractor for the erection of the new school-house, for which an allowance of one hundred dollars ($100) will be made in his contract.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; improved sanitation of Homestead-street School-house. [See pp. 403, 404.]

Mr. Berridge, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Oct. 10 — a petition from Charles F. Withington *et als.*, for improved sanitation of the Homestead-street School, reported that the matter has received attention, and no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted.

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, reported for the approval of the Board, the following appointment:

JANITOR.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appointment of janitor, Franklin Evening School.

Franklin Evening School. — Michael J. Crowley, from Sept. 25, 1899.

Accepted, and the appointment approved.

Report of Committee on School Houses; sanitary condition of Weston-street Primary School-house. [See p. 376.]

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 26 — a petition signed by Charles S. Stone, M. D., *et als.*, for improved sanitation of the Weston-street Primary School-house, reported that alterations and improvement have recently been made in the ventilating system of this school-house by running pipes from the vaults to the heating shafts, which discharge above the top of the building. Since the completion of these improvements no complaints have been received from any source with regard to the sanitary condition of the building, and your committee therefore

recommend that no further action by the Board is required at the present time.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Berridge offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be instructed to erect forthwith a two-room temporary building upon the lot at the corner of Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown; and that the sum of thirty-two hundred dollars ($3,200) be appropriated to cover the cost thereof.

Two-room temporary wooden building at corner of Adams and Chestnut streets.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Berridge offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to report such changes in the Annual Appropriation Order for 1899–1900 as will result in providing an additional amount of $40,000 to be expended for School-house repairs during the current financial year.

Expenditure of additional amount for school-house repairs during current financial year.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. McDonald the Course of Study for Evening Drawing Schools as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, was adopted.

Adoption of Course of Study, Evening Drawing Schools.

On motion of Mr. McDonald for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Ordered, That two thousand copies of the Course of Study for Evening Drawing Schools be printed as a school document.

Course of study, Evening Drawing Schools to be printed.

Mr. Nichols offered the following:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 341. Strike out the last sentence in the section.

Amendment of Regulations with regard to Truant Officers.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Oct. 10, — a communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting that transportation be provided for the teachers and scholars to and

Report of Committee on Accounts; transportation of children to and from

Boston Common. [See p. 380.]

from Boston Common, on Saturday, Oct. 14, on the occasion of the review by Admiral Dewey, reported that transportation to and from the Common was provided teachers and pupils who were not within walking distance, in accordance with arrangements made by the Special Committee in charge of the reception, on whose recommendation an order was passed at the meeting of the Board on Oct. 10, making an appropriation to cover the cost of necessary expenses on the occasion referred to. Your committee recommend that the information contained in this report be transmitted to the Board of Aldermen.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Board of Aldermen.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, it was

Salary due Olive J. Sawyer.

Ordered, That the amount due Olive J. Sawyer, deceased, late grammar assistant in the Harvard School District, be paid to her brother, Henry A. Sawyer.

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Frances Tully.

Ordered, That Frances Tully be paid twenty-two and $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars ($22.20) for services as temporary teacher of sewing in the Frothingham and Harvard Schools from June 10, to June 23, 1899, inclusive.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Bond required of School-house Agent.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to report to this Board at its next meeting a recommendation for a penal sum in the bond required of the School-house Agent under Section 103 of the Rules.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That Abbie E. Wilson, assistant, Grammar School in the Prince District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Salary of Abbie E. Wilson.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the North Margin-street School be fixed at the rate of three hundred dollars ($300) per annum, to date from Oct. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of janitor North Margin-street School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Municipal Court-house School, Dorchester street, South Boston, be fixed at the rate of three hundred dollars ($300) per annum, to date from Sept. 13, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of janitor Municipal Court House School, Dorchester street, South Boston.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That additional compensation at the rate of eight dollars ($8) per month, except during July and August, be allowed and paid the janitor of the Tyler-street School, for extra services in moving furniture in the Denison House Kindergarten, daily, to date from Oct. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Additional compensation to janitor of Tyler-street School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Samuel T. Jeffers, janitor of the Norcross School, be paid at the rate of twenty-two dollars ($22) per month, for services as janitor of the Bigelow Evening School, now located in the Norcross Building, for the term 1899—1900.

Salary of janitor of Bigelow Evening Schools.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of janitor of Evening High School.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Evening High School be established at the rate of one hundred thirty dollars ($130) per month, to date from Sept. 25, 1899, until otherwise ordered, which salary shall be in full compensation for all services rendered in connection with said school.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of Florence M. Kilburn.

Ordered, That Florence M. Kilburn, assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from Oct. 10, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Ida P. Wait.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, reported that Ida P. Wait, prior to Sept. 13, 1899, held the position of assistant in the Florence-street Kindergarten, receiving the maximum salary of her rank, viz., six hundred twenty-four dollars ($624) per annum. On that date she was promoted to the position of principal, and under the rules received the minimum salary of her new rank, viz., six hundred dollars ($600) per annum. The passage of the following order, placing Miss Wait upon the second year of service in her new rank, is now recommended, the effect of which will be to give her twenty-four dollars ($24) per year more than she received before her promotion.

Ordered, That Ida P. Wait, principal of the Florence-street Kindergarten, be placed upon the second year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to B. Cortissoz.

Ordered, That there be paid to B. Cortissoz the sum of thirty-three dollars ($33) for services rendered as

temporary janitor of the Bigelow School, from Sept. 1, to Oct. 3, 1899, inclusive.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the special teacher of drawing in the Dorchester High School be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum, to date from Sept. 19, 1899. Salary of special teacher of drawing, Dorchester High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to provide additional sanitary arrangements for the Hawes Hall and Simonds School buildings, in the Bigelow District. Additional sanitary arrangements for Hawes Hall and Simond School buildings.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, to whom was referred — Sept. 26 — a communication from the Board of Aldermen, requesting that a kindergarten be established at Savin Hill, reported that your committee have given this matter attention, and recommend that the Board of Aldermen be informed that there are no accommodations in that district available for such purposes at the present time. Report of Committee on Ninth Division; establishment of Kindergarten at Savin Hill. [See p. 352.]

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Board of Aldermen.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Ordered, That an additional assistant, Grammar School, be allowed in the Robert G. Shaw District, making two teachers in excess of the number allowed under the rule. Additional Grammar School assistant, Robert G. Shaw District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Ordered, That the Board authorize the establishment of a kindergarten in the Longfellow District. Establishment of Kindergarten in Longfellow District.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Additional primary class in Longfellow District.

Ordered, That an additional primary class be established in the Longfellow District, with daily sessions beginning at 12.45 o'clock P.M., and ending at 3.45 o'clock P.M.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Omission of teacher's examinations next January and April.

Ordered, That the next January and April examinations of candidates for teachers' certificates be omitted; that the time when women in order to be certificated to teach in high schools shall have been college graduates be extended till Sept. 1, 1901; and that special examinations for filling vacancies be held, whenever the list of certificated teachers does not furnish suitable candidates for appointment.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Courses of Study and Text Books, offered the following:

Kingsley's Elements of Comparative Zoölogy.

Ordered, That Elements of Comparative Zoölogy, by J. S. Kingsley, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a supplementary reading book in the High and Latin Schools.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Additions to authorized list of text, reference and supplementary reading books.

Ordered, That Campbell's Observational Geometry, published by Harper & Bros., be authorized for use as a text book in the Latin Schools.

Ordered, That Syllabus of Propositions in Geometry, published by Harvard University, be authorized for use as a text book in the Latin Schools.

Ordered, That Elementary Lessons in Zoölogy, by James G. Needham, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text book in the High Schools.

Ordered, That Song Echoes from Child Land, by

Harriet S. Jenks and Mabel Rust, published by Oliver Ditson & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Kindergartens, one copy to be supplied each Kindergarten.

Ordered, That the pamphlet edition of Quintus Curtius, published by Ginn & Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Latin Schools.

Ordered, That Cone's Sound Charts be authorized for use in the Primary and Grammar Schools.

Laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That a special teacher of phonography, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial geography and commercial law be allowed in the Girls' High School.

Special teacher, commercial subjects in Girls High School.

The Chair presented a petition signed by Mrs. J. D. Clements *et als.*, relative to lack of school-house accommodations in the Dorchester District.

Petition from Mrs. J.D. Gleason *et als.*, for additional school acommodations in Dorchester District.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; site for new Normal School-house.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY HALL, BOSTON, October 24, 1899.

To the School Committee:

I feel obliged to return herewith without my approval the order passed by your Board September 12th providing for the purchase or taking of a parcel of land on Huntington avenue, near the corner of Massachusetts avenue, as a site for the proposed new Normal School-house. While the law requires the approval of the Mayor before the selection of a site for a new school-house by the School Committee can go into effect, I have not been disposed to use this power of disapproval unless in a very exceptional case, and have felt that the judgment of the School Committee as to what site was best from an educational standpoint should ordinarily be taken as final; on the other hand, the law would not have required the absolute approval of the Mayor before a school-house site could be purchased, unless with the intention of throwing an additional safeguard around the financial and general interests of the city. While I have no disposition to question the conclusion of the School Committee that the western part of the Back Bay district is the best site for a Normal School

building, I believe that the selection of the proposed site involves such a large and entirely unnecessary waste of public money, and is so open to objection on other grounds, that I cannot conscientiously approve it.

While the Board of Street Commissioners has the right to take this lot by eminent domain and to leave the question of the settlement of a price to a jury, the city cannot prudently count upon having to pay less per foot for this land than the amount asked by the owner in his public proposal, in competition with other land. At the price thus fixed by him ($5.50 per foot), the cost of this lot would be $165,000. I will not undertake to say that this price per foot is more than the land is worth, because that must be largely a matter of opinion, though the fact is on public record that the larger parcel of land, containing the lot now offered, changed hands, not long before the offer was made to the School Committee, at a considerably lower rate per foot. But I take the position very confidently that there is no sort of need for the city to pay anything like this price to obtain an entirely satisfactory lot of land, and one better located from an educational standpoint, within a very short distance of the site selected. If a lot containing as much as 30,000 feet is properly required for the Normal School building, I believe that this can easily be obtained $50,000 to $75,000 cheaper; and if the size of the lot is reduced to 20,000 feet, which I am inclined to believe amply sufficient for a Normal School building as large as it is desirable for the city to build, a large additional saving could be effected. I am fully satisfied that not less than half of the proposed expenditure of $165,000 is unnecessary and unwarrantable, and that it would represent, if made, only a waste of public money to that extent.

In considering the question of the amount of land required for a Normal School building, it must be borne in mind that it differs entirely from the ordinary school of lower grade in that a large yard is not required for purposes of play, and in considering the accommodations which such a school building should provide, it should be remembered that our present Normal School accommodations graduate a much larger number of teachers than can easily be provided with places in our public schools. I take it that it will not be claimed that the city of Boston is called upon to give a free education and special training to teachers at a large expense, except for the purpose of supplying its own schools. But even the present accommodations of the Normal School have turned out graduates in such numbers that three hundred of them are to-day awaiting an opportunity to find places in our public schools. At the present rate of appointment, it would take six years to find places for such graduates. Even if the policy were followed of absolutely confining appointments as teachers in our public schools to graduates of the Boston Normal

School, there would not be more than seventy-five vacancies a year at the outside. I may fairly assume that it is not the intention of the School Committee to provide for erecting a Normal School-house designed to accommodate a larger number of pupils than would annually graduate enough teachers to supply the vacancies in our public schools, with a reasonable allowance for future growth; at any rate, I could not approve plans for a larger building, as it seems to me not only a waste of money, but a positive wrong, to hold out expectations of employment to larger numbers than could possibly be provided with places. The Superintendent of Schools, in reply to my enquiry, informs me that in his opinion a building sufficient to accommodate two hundred pupils would supply all possible wants of the city in connection with securing teachers for its own schools. Such a building ought to be built for about $100,000, and argument is hardly necessary to prove that it is not financially justifiable, in a section of the city having so much vacant land, to pay $165,000 for a site for a $100,000 school building. Without undertaking to indicate any particular parcels of land, it is not necessary to go farther than the other bids received by the School Committee, or than facts in the possession of every real estate broker having to do with property in that district of the city, to establish the fact that suitable sites could be found within a quarter of a mile of that selected at a very much lower price.

Doubtless the basis for the high price charged for this land is to be found in the fact that it has a large frontage upon an important thoroughfare — Huntington avenue. I believe that the large frontage is entirely unnecessary for this purpose, and that the location upon a main thoroughfare with lines of electric cars is a positive and serious disadvantage. I cannot believe any competent educational authorities would say that it was advisable to locate a school building of this character upon a main thoroughfare; at any rate, the Superintendent of Schools, in response to my inquiry, informs me that he considers the location improper and objectionable, on account of the noise of passing cars and traffic. A Normal School building should of course be readily accessible by street car lines from different parts of the city, but this does not mean that it should be situated directly on a main thoroughfare; if it is within a few minutes walk of a street car line, that should be entirely sufficient.

For the above reasons, which might be elaborated at greater length and with further details, but which seem to me entirely sufficient, even thus briefly and generally stated, I am unable to approve the site selected.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

City of Boston,
In School Committee, July 31, 1899.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for a site for a new Normal School-house, a parcel of land supposed to belong to R. J. Campbell, and bounded and described as follows : Northwest by Huntington avenue about 250 feet ; northeast by land supposed to belong to Joseph Feldman about 120 feet ; southeast by a 16-foot passageway leading from Gainsborough street about 250 feet ; and southwest by land supposed to belong now or formerly to Franklin Haven, Jr., *et als.*, trustees, about 120 feet ; containing thirty thousand (30,000) square feet more or less.

Laid on the table.

September 12, 1899.

Passed : yeas 12, nays 8.

Attest :

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, the Board adjourned.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, November 14, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Bowdlear, Calderwood, and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Appointments and confirmations laid over approved.

Mr. Brett offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of an additional teacher in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Employment of teacher in excess of number allowed under rules.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The appointments and confirmations were approved.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That Elements of Comparative Zoölogy, by J. S. Kingsley, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a supplementary reading book in the High and Latin Schools.

Elements of Comparative Zoölogy. [See p. 432.]

Passed, 16 members voting in the affirmative.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That Campbell's Observational Geometry, published by Harper & Bros., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

Additions to list of authorized text, reference and supplementary reading books. [See pp. 432-433.]

Ordered, That Syllabus of Propositions in Geometry, published by Harvard University, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

Ordered, That Elementary Lessons in Zoölogy, by James G. Needham, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

Ordered, That Song Echoes from Child Land, by Harriet S. Jenks and Mabel Rust, published by Oliver Ditson & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Kindergartens, one copy to be supplied each kindergarten.

Ordered, That the pamphlet edition of Quintus Curtius, published by Ginn & Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Latin Schools.

Ordered, That Cone's Sound Charts be authorized for use in the Primary and Grammar Schools.

Passed, 16 members voting in the affirmative.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read and successively passed :

Expenditure for wiring Frederick A. Whitney School-house. [See p. 423.]

Ordered, That the Board authorize the expenditure of one hundred and twenty-eight dollars ($128) for making connections for electric power and lighting at the Frederick A. Whitney School-house.

Purchase of land on Dorchester avenue for school purposes. [See p. 424.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Albert K. Teele and Richard C. Humphreys, trustees under the will of Edmund J. Baker, the sum of eight hundred fifty-nine and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($859.50) as payment for their land on Dorchester avenue, at Dorchester, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, Sept. 16, 1896, and Nov. 17, 1897 (takings recorded same dates), upon the said trustees giving to the city a deed for said land so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

Appropriation for enlargement of Gilbert Stuart lot. [See pp. 424, 425.]

Ordered, That from the various sums appropriated for purposes named out of the amounts granted the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of

1895, and chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following transfers be made to the appropriation, Gilbert Stuart lot, enlargement, the same being unexpended balances not required for the purposes for which they were originally appropriated:

Temporary wooden building in yard of Noble School-house	$0 23
Temporary wooden building in yard of Morton-street School-house	53
Temporary wooden building in yard of old Gibson School-house	63
Temporary wooden building in yard of Frothingham School-house	4 06
Temporary wooden buildings, furnishing	6 61
New Grammar School-house, Harris District	4 76
Old Gibson School-house yard, grading	22 00
Gilbert Stuart School-house lot, grading	290 67
Cudworth School-house lot, grading	227 91
Mayhew School-house, furnishing	302 10
	$859 50

Ordered, That Ida P. Wait, principal of the Florence-street Kindergarten, be placed upon the second year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Salary of Ida P. Wait. [See p. 430.]

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Evening High School be established at the rate of one hundred thirty dollars ($130) per month, to date from Sept. 25, 1899, until otherwise ordered, which salary shall be in full compensation for all services rendered in connection with said school.

Salary of janitor of Evening High School. [See p. 430.]

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Municipal Court-house School, Dorchester street, South Boston, be fixed at the rate of three hundred dollars ($300) per annum, to date from Sept. 13, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of janitor of Municipal Court-house School. [See p. 429.]

Ordered, That additional compensation at the rate of eight dollars ($8) per month, except during July and August, be allowed and paid the janitor of the Tyler-

Additional compensation to janitor of Tyler-street School. [See p. 429.]

street School, for extra services in moving furniture in the Denison House Kindergarten, daily, to date from Oct. 1, 1899 until otherwise ordered.

Salary of janitor, Bigelow Evening School. [See p. 429.]

Ordered, That Samuel T. Jeffers, janitor of the Norcross School, be paid at the rate of twenty-two dollars ($22) per month, for services as janitor of the Bigelow Evening School, now located in the Norcross Building, for the term 1899–1900.

Salary of janitor of North Margin-street School. [See p. 429.]

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the North Margin-street School be fixed at the rate of three hundred dollars ($300) per annum, to date from Oct. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of Florence M. Kilburn. [See p. 430.]

Ordered, That Florence M. Kilburn, assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from Oct. 10, 1899.

The Chair read the following:

City of Boston,
Street Commissioners' Office,
City Hall, November 7, 1899.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners, award for land on Norfolk street, Dorchester, taken for school purposes.

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Catherine Elms upon the sum of ten thousand dollars as payment for her land on Norfolk street, at Dorchester, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston October 3, 1899 (taking recorded October 5, 1899), upon the said Catherine Elms giving to the city a deed for said land so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

Communication from Board of Health; sanitary condition of Hawes and Simonds School-houses.

The Chair presented a communication from the Board of Health, under date of November 9, 1899, with regard to the sanitary condition of the Hawes and Simonds School-house, on Broadway, South Boston.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Brimmer District. — M. Florence McGlashan, assistant, Grammar School, Nov. 1, 1899. Resignations.

Lawrence District. — Mary E. Denning, assistant, Grammar School, Nov. 1, 1899.

Lyman District. — Annie M. Wilcox, assistant, Primary School, Oct. 2, 1899.

Manual Training Schools. — Aimée Lundgren, assistant instructor, Dec. 1, 1899.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfer for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Agassiz District. — A. Edla E. Anderson, Boston, from Oct. 30, 1899. Special assistants.

Emerson District. — Florence G. Erskine, Boston, from Oct. 25, 1899; Minnie Goldsmith, Boston, from Oct. 30, 1899.

Franklin District. — Elizabeth F. Dorn, Boston, from Nov. 1, 1899.

Lewis District. — Mary L. Murphy, Boston, from Nov. 3, 1899.

Longfellow District. — Elsie D. Keniston, Boston, from Nov. 9, 1899.

Lyman District. — Josephine FitzGerald, Boston, from Oct. 16, 1899.

Quincy District. — Mary E. Garrity, Quincy, from Oct. 30, 1899.

Washington Allston District. — Mary R. Kennedy, Boston, from Nov. 9, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Everett School. — Annie L. McCarty, Boston, from Nov. 8, 1899.

Plummer School. — Margaret V. Meade, Boston, from Oct. 16, 1899.

Roxbury-street School. — Blanche E. Thayer, Boston, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Webb School. — Florence M. Weltch, Boston, from Oct. 18, 1899.

Yeoman-street School. — Amy E. Lang, Boston, from Nov. 15, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Christopher Gibson District. — Eleanor J. Murphy, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 13, 1899.

Comins District. — Theresa Currie, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 18, 1899, until Oct. 5, 1899, inclusive, and from Oct. 11, 1899, until Oct. 25, 1899, inclusive; Isabella H. Howe, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 6, 1899, until Oct. 10, 1899, inclusive.

Frothingham District. — Madeline A. Foppiano, Chelsea, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 30, 1899.

Mary Hemenway District. — Ellen Welin, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 25, to Nov. 6, 1899, inclusive.

Manual Training Schools. — Fannie B. Prince, Boston, assistant instructor, from Oct. 23, 1899.

Placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Roxbury High School. — Florence L. Carter, Watertown, assistant to the teacher of physical culture, from December 1, 1899.

Christopher Gibson District. — Isabel M. Horsford, Boston, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Dec. 1, 1899.

Dillaway District. — Mary E. Cole, Watertown, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 1, 1899.

Everett District. — Alice E. B. Dockham, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 13, 1899.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Annie L. Knight, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Nov. 2, 1899.

Martin District. — Mary L. B. Reynolds, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Oct. 25, 1899.

Winthrop District. — Emily H. Osborne, Somerville, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Nov. 16, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Dorchester-avenue School. — Annie M. Smith, Boston, assistant, from Nov. 1, 1899.

Lauriat-avenue School. — Anina L. Fitzsimmons, Boston, assistant, from Nov. 1, 1899.

Longfellow School. — Ruphine A. Morris, Boston, principal, from Nov. 15, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Roxbury High School. — Anna F. O'Hara, assistant.

Bigelow District. — Katharine P. Kelley, assistant, Grammar School.

Martin District. — Alice E. Lawrence, assistant, Grammar School.

Mather District. — Annie H. Holbrook, Gertrude Newman, assistants, Grammar School.

Minot District. — Mary K. Tibbits, first assistant, Grammar School.

Norcross District. — Cherrie W. St. Clair, assistant, Grammar School.

Quincy District. — Blanche F. Harrington, assistant, Primary School.

Manual Training Schools. — Olive I. Harris, assistant instructor.

Teacher of Special Class. — Elizabeth A. R. Daniels. Laid over, under the rule.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of Gardner P. Balch.

Eliot District. — Gardner P. Balch, sub-master, to the same position in the Robert G. Shaw District, to date from Dec. 1, 1899.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, referred to the Committee on the Third Division.

Appointment of assistants, Evening Elementary and Evening Drawing Schools.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments of instructors in the Evening Elementary and Evening Drawing Schools for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the reading of said appointments was dispensed with.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Bigelow School. — Assistants, Mary J. Leary, Boston, from Oct. 24, 1899, Margaret E. Quinn, Cambridge, from Oct. 26, 1899.

Eliot School. — Assistants, Mary A. Long, Boston, Anna T. Nolan, Boston, from Oct. 30, 1899.

Franklin School. — Assistants, Marian A. McIntyre, Boston, from Oct. 11, 1899, Mary E. Griffin, Boston, from Oct. 30, 1899.

Lyman School. — First assistant, Herbert S. Gay, Boston, from Oct. 3, 1899.

Mather School. — Assistant, Frances M. Campbell, Boston, from Sept. 25, 1899.

Quincy School. — Assistant, Lillian E. Cronin, Boston, from Oct. 26, 1899.

Warren School. — First assistant, Allan L. Sedley, Boston, from Oct. 24, 1899.

Washington Allston School. — First assistant, Emma F. Simmons, Brookline, from Oct. 25, 1899.

Wells School. — Assistants, Alice M. Colleton, Bos-

ton, from Oct. 3, 1899, Theresa Currie, Boston, from Oct. 9, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOL.

Assistant instructor, Ervin Kenison, Medford, from Nov. 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence granted; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Normal School. — L. Theresa Moses, assistant, from Nov. 13, 1899, until Feb. 1, 1900; Vittoria C. Dallin, Boston, substitute.

Charlestown High School. — Richard F. Sullivan, special teacher of commercial branches, from Oct. 13, 1899, until Jan. 1, 1900; Jennie V. Richardson, Boston, substitute.

Roxbury High School. — Mabel F. Wheaton, assistant, from Oct. 15, 1899, until Dec. 14, 1899; Josephine Hammond, Boston, substitute.

Bigelow District. — Eliza B. Haskell, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 6, 1899, until Feb. 5, 1900; Eleanor M. Jordan, Boston, substitute.

Dearborn District.— Lizzie M. Wood, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 15, 1899, until Jan. 15, 1900; Mary A. Scully, Cambridge, substitute.

Dillaway D strict. — Alice E. B. Dockham, Boston, substitute for Helen C. Mills, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Longfellow District. — Helen E. Chandler, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 12, 1899, until Feb. 1, 1900; Florence M. Halligan, Boston, substitute.

Rice Training School. — Edith F. Parry, assistant,

Grammar School, from Oct. 6, 1899, until Dec. 1, 1899; Theresa F. Dupree, Boston, substitute.

Warren District. — Alice Hall, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 26, 1899, until Dec. 4, 1899; Ellen E. Kelly, Boston, substitute.

Manual Training Schools. — Jennie E. Potter, Boston, substitute for Edith A. Pope, assistant instructor, granted leave of absence.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Christopher Gibson District. — Helen F. Tarpey, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Quincy District. — Anna T. Nolan, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 1, 1899.

Rules suspended.

The employment of the teachers named was approved, under a suspension of the rules.

The reports of the Superintendent of teachers appointed to those positions were placed on file.

REAPPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Christopher Gibson District. — Helen F. Tarpey, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 13, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

Subsequently, the Superintendent presented the following resignations and appointments:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations.

Brighton High School. — Grace I. Fox, special teacher of phonography, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial geography and commercial law, Oct. 16, 1899.

Charlestown High School. — Richard F. Sullivan, special teacher of phonography, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial geography and commercial law, Oct. 3, 899.

Dorchester High School. — William L. Anderson, special teacher of phonography, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial geography and commercial law, Oct. 3, 1899.

East Boston High School. — Lizzie J. Fitzgerald, special instructor of phonography, Nov. 1, 1899.

Girls' High School. — Helen Torrey, special teacher of phonography, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial geography and commercial law, Nov. 1, 1899.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Brighton High School. — Grace I. Fox, Boston, special teacher of commercial branches, from Oct. 16, 1899.

Charlestown High School. — Richard F. Sullivan, Boston, special teacher of commercial branches, from Oct. 3, 1899.

Dorchester High School. — William L. Anderson, Boston, special teacher of commercial branches, from Oct. 3, 1899.

East Boston High School. — Lizzie J. Fitzgerald, Brookline, special teacher of commercial branches, from Nov. 1, 1899.

Girls' High School. — Helen Torrey, Gloucester, special teacher of commercial branches, from Nov. 1, 1899.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended. Report of Committee on New Buildings; contract of Frank G. Coburn. [See p. 414.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred — Oct. 24 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that they be informed why the contractor, Frank G. Coburn, to whom the contract was awarded for building a school-house in East Boston at a cost of $85,000, was allowed to add over $7,000 to his original figure after the bids had been opened and contract

signed, reported that the facts in connection with this contract were fully set forth in a report presented to the Board at its meeting of Sept. 26, and they recommend that a copy thereof be transmitted to the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to John S. Jacobs & Son, for work done on Paul Revere School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to approve the payment of the following bills rendered by John S. Jacobs & Son, for work done at the Paul Revere School in December, 1898, viz.:

Filling up under front entrance steps	$14 76
Building brick walls and concreting under steps to rear entrances	272 60
Concreting exterior areas	140 15
Cutting for plumbers	71 39
	$498 90

On motion of Mr. Anderson, referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, it was

Acceptance of Baker-street Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the Baker-street Primary School-house, West Roxbury, be accepted, by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; additional school accommodations in Dorchester. [See p. 433.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 24 — a petition from Mrs. J. D. Clements *et als.*, requesting that additional school accommodations be provided in Dorchester, reported that the matter of providing additional accommodations for the benefit of the children referred to by the petitioners has received attention, and your committee are confident that within a very short time no child in Dorchester will be

deprived of school privileges on account of lack of room.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; entrance to new high school building in Dorchester. [See p. 412.]

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 24 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, with regard to the entrance to the new High School building in Dorchester, reported that although no change in the original plans of this building with regard to the entrance referred to, has as yet been made, the matter has for some time been under consideration both by the committee and by the architects; and your committee recommend that the Common Council be informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the architectural effect of the western façade of the completed structure will be fully consonant with the dignity and importance of the entire building.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Purchase of land on Norfolk street, Dorchester, for school purposes. [See p. 440.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Catherine Elms the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) as payment for her land on Norfolk street, at Dorchester, taken for school purposes, by the City of Boston, October 3, 1899 (taking recorded October 5, 1899), upon the said Catherine Elms giving to the city a deed for said land so taken satisfactory to the Law Drpartment.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; expenditures for borings on lot of new primary school-house, Sherwin District.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that they have authorized the architects of the new Primary School-house in the Sherwin District, Roxbury, to expend an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars ($100) for making necessary borings on said lot, to determine the nature of the soil, and the depth of the foundations of the new building to be erected.

Accepted.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Execution of order of addition to contract of G. A. Cahill.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of G. A. Cahill, for erecting the new Primary School-house, Forest Hills, in the sum of one thousand six hundred thirty-seven and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($1,637.50) for erecting wall and fence at rear of lot, and providing temporary wooden steps.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Execution of order of addition to contract of Cutting, Bardwell & Co.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of Cutting, Bardwell, & Co., for erecting the Winship School building, Brighton, in the sum of one thousand nine hundred ninety and $\frac{56}{100}$ dollars ($1,990.56) for erection of retaining wall, including granite steps and underpinning, and brick facing in connection with same.

Rules suspended.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on New Buildings relative to architects of Mechanic Arts High School-house addition.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that on Oct. 31 a written request was forwarded to Messrs. Wheelwright & Haven, architects of the Mechanic Arts High School-house addition, to attend a meeting of the committee to be held on the following Monday, to which they replied to the effect that they would meet the committee or any member thereof at their own place of business. A second similar request was made by the committee, and the architects again declined to appear. Under these circumstances the committee deem it their duty to report the facts to the Board, for such action as may be deemed expedient.

Accepted.

Mr. Berridge, for the Committee, on School Houses, who were requested — Oct. 24 — to report to this Board at its next meeting, a recommendation for a penal sum in the bond required of the School-house Agent under Section 103 of the Rules, reported that they have given the matter due consideration, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on School Houses; bond required of School-house Agent. [See p. 428.]

Ordered, That the bond required of the School-house Agent, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, shall be in the penal sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000).

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, reported for the approval of the Board the following appointment:

ASSISTANT JANITOR.

Parkman School, South Boston. — Patrick Hanlon, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appointment of assistant janitor of Parkman School, South Boston.

Accepted, and the appointment approved.

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Company in the sum of nine hundred eighty-nine and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($989.50) for furnishing the Mechanic Arts High School-house; said concern being the lowest bidder.

Execution of contract for furnishing Mechanic Arts High School-house.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salaries of special teachers of commercial branches in High Schools be fixed at the several rates per annum, and from the dates specified: Brighton High School, twelve hundred dollars ($1,200), from Oct. 16, 1899; Charlestown High School, fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500), from Oct. 3, 1899; Dorchester High School, fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500), from

Salaries of special teachers of commercial branches in High Schools.

Oct. 3, 1899; East Boston High School, twelve hundred dollars ($1,200), from Nov. 1, 1899; Girls' High School, twelve hundred dollars ($1,200), from Nov. 1, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to William L. Bates.

Ordered, That there be paid to William L. Bates, sub-master in the George Putnam School, the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) in addition to his regular salary for extra services rendered in that school during the absence of the master.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Theresa Currie.

Ordered, That there be paid to Theresa Currie the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for extra services as temporary assistant, Grammar School, in the Comins District, from Sept. 18 to Oct. 5, 1899, inclusive, and from Oct. 11 to Oct. 25, 1899, inclusive.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee offered the following:

Payment to S. Louise Bradshaw.

Ordered, That there be paid to S. Louise Bradshaw the sum of one hundred fifty dollars ($150) for services rendered as acting assistant, Grammar School, in the Eliot District, from Oct. 24, 1898, to Sept, 20, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee offered the following:

Salary of Gracia E. Read.

Ordered, That Gracia E. Read, assistant in the East Boston High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 8, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of Lucia R. Peabody.

Ordered, That Lucia R. Peabody, assistant in the East Boston High School, be placed upon the sixth

year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 14, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Frank E. Poole, junior master in the English High School, be placed upon the third year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Salary of Frank E. Poole.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant to the teacher of physical culture in the Roxbury High School be fixed at the rate of five hundred dollars ($500) per annum, to date from Nov. 1, 1899.

Salary of assistant to teacher of Physical Culture, Roxbury High School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant janitor of the Parkman School, South Boston, be fixed at the rate of three hundred dollars ($300) per annum, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Salary of assistant janitor of Parkman School-house.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Mary A. Daly, janitress of the Cook School, the sum of one dollar ($1) for removing water from the cellar of said school.

Payment to Mary A. Daly.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to James Mitchell, janitor of the Shurtleff School, the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for cutting grass and care of lawn at said school during the year 1899.

Payment to James Mitchell.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Abbie E. Wilson. [See p. 429.]

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 24 — an order that Abbie E. Wilson, assistant, Grammar School in the Prince District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from Sept. 13, 1899, reported that your committee have given this matter attention, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Abbie E. Wilson, assistant, Grammar School, in the Prince District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of Mary F. McMorrow.

Ordered, That Mary F. McMorrow, assistant, Grammar School, Mary Hemenway District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from April 8, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Albert P. Young.

Ordered, That there be paid to Albert P. Young, janitor of the Aberdeen School, the sum of twenty-five and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($25.50) for extra labor performed at said school during the year ending May 31, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of Katherine K. Marlow.

Ordered, That Katherine K. Marlow, assistant, Dorchester High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from Oct. 26, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Thomas J. Gill.

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas J. Gill, janitor of the Hugh O'Brien School, the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for the care of three extra rooms during the term 1898–99.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Martin School be fixed at the rate of one thousand two hundred eighty-four dollars ($1,284) per annum, to date from Nov. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of janitor of Martin School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following:

Ordered, That the amount paid by William H. Brown of Marblehead, Mass., for tuition from Oct. 17, 1899, to Feb. 1, 1900, of John F. Brown, a non-resident pupil in the Mechanic Arts High School, viz.: twenty-nine and $\frac{54}{100}$ dollars ($29.54) be abated, said pupil having left the school Oct. 17, 1899.

Abatement of tuition of John F. Brown.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following:

Resolved, That this Board has learned with profound regret of the death of Larkin Dunton, LL.D., for twenty-seven years head-master of the Boston Normal School, which occurred on Monday, Oct. 30, 1899. Dr. Dunton's services to the educational interests of this city are too well known to require any extended reference in this Board. His scholarly tastes and philosophical mind peculiarly fitted him to be a "teacher of teachers," and in this field his sound knowledge of educational problems, and his comprehensive grasp of all kinds and conditions of school life enabled him to administer with marked success the affairs of the school with which his name is most closely associated. Although it is in connection with the Normal School that Dr. Dunton will be especially remembered, it should not be forgotten that he first entered the service as sub-master in the Lawrence School, of which school

Resolutions on death of Larkin Dunton.

he subsequently became the master, continuing in that position for four years, when he was called to organize and conduct the Normal School. To this task he brought the ripened judgment and mature thought that distinguish his administration, until his long and honorable career in the service was brought to a close on Sept. 1, 1899, when the resignation, which he was forced by failing health to tender, took effect.

Resolved, That this Board extends to the family of the deceased its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in full upon the records of the Board, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Mr. Courtney offered the following:

Expenditure of money for improvement of sanitation of Weston-street Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to expend a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars ($4,000) to put the sanitaries of the Weston-street School in proper condition.

Mr. Courtney moved that the rules be suspended to permit the passage of the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was declared lost by a vote of 6 to 10.

Mr. Courtney doubted the vote, and, on his motion, a rising vote was ordered for its verification.

The motion was lost by a vote of 6 to 7.

Mr. McDonough offered the following:

Salary of janitor of Albert Palmer School.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Albert Palmer School be fixed at the rate of seven hundred eighty dollars ($780) per annum.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; dismissal of certain pupils early on last session in every month. [See p. 376.]

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Sept. 26 — an order relative to the dismissal of pupils who have not been absent or tardy on the last school session of the

month, reported that they have duly considered the matter, and are of the opinion that the plan suggested should be adopted, and incorporated in the Rules and Regulations. The committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 210. Add the following to the section as a separate paragraph.

Pupils in the Grammar and Primary Schools who have not been absent or tardy during any month may, in the discretion of the master of the district, at the last school session in said month, be dismissed thirty minutes before the regular closing time.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations relative to truant officers.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Oct. 24 — an order that the Regulations be amended by striking out the last sentence in Section 341, reported that they have duly considered the matter, and are in favor of the proposed amendment. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 341. Strike out the last sentence in the section, so that the section will read as follows:

SECTION 341. The several school districts having been so grouped together as to make the labors of the officers as nearly equal as possible, each truant officer shall be assigned to one of these groups, and shall be held responsible under these regulations, and such regulations as the Committee on Truant Officers may from time to time prescribe, for the judicious and faithful discharge of the duties of his office. The Committee on Truant Officers shall appoint one of the officers, subject to the approval of the Board, as chief of the truant force.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brett, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Special teachers of commercial branches in High Schools.

Ordered, That there be allowed in each of the following-named High Schools, and from the several dates specified, a special teacher of commercial branches, which branches shall include one or more of the subjects of phonography, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial geography and commercial law; the same to be in place of such special teachers of any of said subjects whose employment has heretofore been authorized by the Board; Brighton High School, Oct. 16, 1899; Charlestown High School, Oct. 3, 1899; Dorchester High School, Oct. 3, 1899; East Boston High School, Nov. 1, 1899; Girls' High School, Nov. 1, 1899.

Mr. Nichols, for the Committee on Truant Officers, offered the following:

Rules and Regulations of Truant Officers approved, and to be printed.

Ordered, That the accompanying Rules and Regulations for the Truant Officers of the City of Boston, prepared by the Committee on Truant Officers, be hereby approved by this Board, and that two thousand copies of the same be printed.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, it was

Second special class to be formed.

Ordered, That a second special class be formed and carried on under the direction of the Superintendent, in some suitable room of a public school building, making the number of such special classes two in all.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Instructor of cookery, Lyman Evening School.

Ordered, That a special instructor of cookery be employed two evenings a week in the Lyman Evening School, for the remainder of the term 1899–1900, and that the salary of said teacher be fixed at the rate of two dollars ($2) per evening of actual service.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Courses of Study and Text Books, offered the following:

Ordered, That Elementary Studies in Chemistry, by Joseph Torrey, Jr., published by Henry Holt & Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

Elementary studies in Chemistry.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 29 — an order relative to placing Allen & Greenough's Ovid on the list of text-books in the High Schools, reported that they have given this matter attention and recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on Courses of Study and Text-books, Allen & Greenough's, Ovid. [See p. 294.]

Ordered, That Allen & Greenough's Ovid, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, it was

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board — Oct. 10 — that the use of the lot at the corner of Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown, be granted to the boys attending the Charlestown High School as a playground be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

Order authorizing use of lot at corner of Adams and Chestnut streets as a playground rescinded. [See p. 397.]

Mr. McDonald presented a revised Course of Study for the Primary Schools.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, that part of the Course relating to drawing was referred to the Committee on Drawing, and that part of the Course relating to music was referred to the Committee on Music.

Revised Course of Study for Primary Schools.

On motion of Mr. Brett, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools and the Committee on Normal School acting jointly, consider and report to this Board as soon as may be, upon the advisability of establishing the Girls' Latin School and Normal School in the same building.

Girls' Latin and Normal Schools to be established in the same building.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, to whom were referred — June 29 — petitions from William H. Gleason *et als.*, Mary E. Cronin *et als.*,

Report of Committee on Eighth Division; instructor in

Robert G. Shaw District. [See pp. 202, 203.]

Ferdinand Kern *et als.*, and Rudolph Weber *et als.*, with regard to an instructor in the Robert G. Shaw District, reported that the matter has received attention, and no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted.

Accommodations for primary class and kindergarten at Central Station.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings consider the expediency of providing accommodations for a primary class and a kindergarten at Central Station, in the Longfellow District, West Roxbury.

Hand rail to be placed on steps of temporary building, yard of Gibson School-house.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the placing of a hand rail on the steps of the temporary building in the yard of the Gibson School-house on School street.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Communication from Superintendent; supernumerary teachers.

The Superintendent presented the following communication:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
November 14, 1899.

To the School Committee:

There is an important question of general policy, relative to the appointment of teachers in excess of the number allowed by the Regulations, which I desire to bring before the Board for consideration and settlement.

In June last (See School Document No. 6, pp. 5 and 6) it was pointed out that there were then serving in certain schools thirty teachers whose continued employment could not be justified save for reasons which would have been equally applicable to all other schools in the city. According to the Regulations, these teachers should have been dropped; but the Board determined otherwise, and they were all reappointed under a suspension of the rules. Some of these thirty teachers have since ceased to be supernumerary, because certain vacancies that have occurred in their schools have not been filled.

One member of the Board, having the financial aspect of the matter in mind, asked me in June whether I should not be able to dispose of the whole thirty supernumerary teachers by merely omitting to fill vacancies. I replied that I should use my best efforts to do so, but that I did not expect complete success. Partial success has been had, as already stated; but further progress in this policy of retrenchment has become difficult in consequence

of doubts that have arisen as to whether this policy is acceptable to the Board itself at the present time.

The policy in question undoubtedly has the support of the Regulations; but it has been claimed lately, in several cases, that the action of the Board for the last three or four years has favored a more liberal policy. It is argued that the Superintendent should depart from the Regulations; and, recognizing the precedent set by the Board, should adopt for himself a more liberal course relative to appointments. There are just now three opportunities, in as many schools, to dispose of a supernumerary teacher by simply not filling a vacancy. Against using these opportunities the masters of these schools very naturally protest. One pleads the action of a division committee some years ago allowing the appointment of an extra teacher for a certain purpose, and a ratification of that action by the Board at the time and no revocation of it since; another pleads long and unquestioned use of the privilege of an extra teacher; and another appeals to an unrecorded understanding whereby an extra teacher, though regularly appointed, was not to be counted as one towards filling the number allowed by the Regulation when the annual canvass of teachers should be made. All rely on the fact that supernumerary teachers have been carried over each year for several years past; and that the number carried over last June was not unusually large. It is not doubted but that in every case the services of the supernumerary teacher are advantageous to the school.

How far these and similar considerations, if allowed to prevail, would carry the Board beyond the limit of financial prudence is a matter to be considered. The financial question would soon become pressing under the liberal policy urged by some.

But the particular point upon which the Superintendent now needs to know the will of the Board is this, whether, in the absence of peculiar conditions, a vacancy shall be filled when, by its not being filled, a teacher in the school would cease to be supernumerary. He therefore respectfully asks that this matter may be referred to some committee of the Board, the Committee on Accounts perhaps, for consideration and report.

Very respectfully,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Petition from Mrs. George F. Chapin *et als.*, protesting

The Chair presented a petition signed by Mrs. George F. Chapin and forty-six others, residents of Charlestown, protesting against the use of the lot at the corner

against use of lot on Adams and Chestnut streets as a playground.

of Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown, as a playground.

Placed on file.

Executive session.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, the Board went into executive session.

Leave of absence granted Mary P. E. Tewksbury, on half pay.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, leave of absence was granted Mary P. E. Tewksbury, assistant, Grammar School, in the Lyman District, to date from Dec. 1, 1899, on half pay ; and her resignation was accepted, to take effect Dec. 1, 1900.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, the doors were opened.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the Board adjourned.

Attest :

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Nov. 28, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half past seven o'clock P.M.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Bennett, Huggan and Strange.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by Mr. James A. McDonald, the senior member present.

The Chair stated the first business of the Board was the election of a President *pro tem.*

Election of President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the rules were suspended, and Mr. George W. Anderson was declared elected President *pro tem.*

Rules suspended. George W. Anderson elected President *pro tem*

On motion of Mr. Davison, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Appointments and confirmations laid over, approved.

Mr. Coolidge offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Employment of teachers in excess of number allowed under rules.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The appointments and confirmations were approved.

The following orders took their second reading, and were successively passed:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulations; dismissal of certain pupils early on last session of every month. [See p. 457.]

SECTION 210. Add the following to the section as a separate paragraph:

Pupils in the Grammar and Primary Schools who have not been absent or tardy during any month may, in the discretion of the master of the district, at the last school session in said month, be dismissed thirty minutes before the regular closing time.

Amendment of Regulations relative to truant officers. [See p. 457.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 341. Strike out the last sentence in the section, so that the section will read as follows:

SECTION 341. The several school districts having been so grouped together as to make the labors of the officers as nearly equal as possible, each truant officer shall be assigned to one of these groups, and shall be held responsible under these regulations, and such regulations as the Committee on Truant Officers may from time to time prescribe, for the judicious and faithful discharge of the duties of his office. The Committee on Truant Officers shall appoint one of the officers, subject to the approval of the Board, as chief of the truant force.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Allen & Greenough's "Ovid." [See p. 459.]

Ordered, That Allen & Greenough's "Ovid," published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High schools.

Passed, 16 members voting in the affirmative.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

"Elementary Studies in Chemistry." [See p. 459.]

Ordered, That "Elementary Studies in Chemistry," by Joseph Torrey, Jr., published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High schools.

Passed, 18 members voting in the affirmative.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read, and successively passed:

Salary of Mary F. McMorrow. [See p. 454.]

Ordered, That Mary F. McMorrow, assistant, Grammar School, Mary Hemenway District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from April 8, 1899.

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas J. Gill, janitor of the Hugh O'Brien School, the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for the care of three extra rooms during the term 1898–99

Payment to Thomas J. Gill. [See p. 454.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Albert P. Young, janitor of the Aberdeen School, the sum of twenty-five and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($25.50) for extra labor performed at said school during the year ending May 31, 1899.

Payment to Albert P. Young. [See p. 544.]

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Martin School be fixed at the rate of one thousand two hundred eighty-four dollars ($1,284) per annum, to date from Nov. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of janitor of Martin School. [See p. 455.]

Ordered, That there be paid to James Mitchell, janitor of the Shurtleff School, the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for cutting grass and care of lawn at said school during the year 1899.

Payment to James Mitchell. [See p. 453.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Mary A. Daly, janitress of the Cook School, the sum of one dollar ($1) for removing water from the cellar of said school.

Payment to Mary A. Daly. [See p. 453.]

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant janitor of the Parkman School, South Boston, be fixed at the rate of three hundred dollars ($300) per annum, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Salary of assistant janitor of Parkman School. [See p. 453.]

Ordered, That Katherine K. Marlow, assistant, Dorchester High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from Oct. 26, 1899.

Salary of Katherine K. Marlow. [See p. 454.]

Ordered, That Frank E. Poole, junior master in the English High School, be placed upon the third year of service in his rank, to date from Sept 13, 1899.

Salary of Frank C. Poole. [See p. 453.]

Ordered, That Abbie E. Wilson, assistant, Grammar School, in the Prince District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Salary of Abbie E. Wilson. [See p. 454.]

Ordered, That Lucia R. Peabody, assistant in the East Boston High School, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 14, 1899.

Salary of Lucia R. Peabody. [See pp. 452, 453.]

Salary of Gracia E. Read. [See p. 452.]

Ordered, That Gracia E. Read, assistant in the East Boston High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 8, 1899.

Salary of assistant to teacher of physical culture, Roxbury High School. [See p. 453.]

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant to the teacher of physical culture in the Roxbury High School be fixed at the rate of five hundred dollars ($500) per annum, to date from Nov. 1, 1899.

Payment to William L. Bates. [See p. 452.]

Ordered, That there be paid to William L. Bates, sub-master in the George Putnam School, the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) in addition to his regular salary for extra services rendered in that school during the absence of the master.

Payment to Theresa Currie. [See p. 452.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Theresa Currie the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for extra services as temporary assistant, Grammar School, in the Comins District, from Sept. 18 to Oct. 5, 1899, inclusive, and from Oct. 11 to Oct. 25, 1899, inclusive.

Payment to S. Louise Bradshaw. [See p. 452.]

Ordered, That there be paid to S. Louise Bradshaw the sum of one hundred fifty dolars ($150) for services rendered as acting assistant, Grammar School, in the Eliot District, from Oct. 24, 1898, to Sept. 20, 1899.

Execution of contract for furnishing Mechanic Arts High School-house. [See p. 451.]

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Company in the sum of nine hundred eighty-nine and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($989.50) for furnishing the Mechanic Arts High School-house; said concern being the lowest bidder.

Purchase of land on Norfolk street, Dorchester, for school purposes. [See p. 449.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Catherine Elms the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) as payment for her land on Norfolk street, at Dorchester, taken for school purposes, by the City of Boston, Oct. 3, 1899 (taking recorded Oct. 5, 1899), upon the said Catherine Elms giving to the city a deed for said land so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Expenditure of money for improvement

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to expend a sum not exceeding four thou-

sand dollars ($4,000) to put the sanitaries of the Weston-street School in proper condition. of Weston-street Primary School-house. [See p. 456.]

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Girls' High School. — Florence M. Kilburn, special teacher of bookkeeping and phonograpy, Oct. 10, 1899. Resignations.

Christopher Gibson District. — Ethel P. West, assistant, Grammar School, Dec. 1, 1899.

Mary Hemenway District. — Louise Robinson, assistant, Primary School, Oct. 25, 1899.

Prince District. — Lillian F. Sheldon, assistant, Primary School, Oct. 2, 1899.

Schools of Cookery. — Amabel G. E. Hope, principal, Jan. 1, 1900.

Yeoman-street Kindergarten. — Frances S. Tufts, assistant, Nov. 15, 1899.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations, and transfers for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Shurtleff District. — Ethel C. Flynn, Boston, from Oct. 31, 1899. Special assistant.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Eliot District. — Emma C. Keating, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 27, 1899. Temporary teachers.

Wells District. — Grace H. Clifton, Boston, Eleanora A. Smith, Boston, assistants, Primary School, from Nov. 6, 1899.

Placed on file.

REAPPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Robert E. Burke, Boston, junior master, from Dec. 11, 1899.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Ermina C. Leach, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 11, 1899.

Lowell District. — Frances M. Supple, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 4, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Roxbury High School. — Josephine Hammond, Boston, assistant, from Dec. 4, 1899.

Christopher Gibson District. — Helen F. Tarpey, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 4, 1899.

John A. Andrew District. — Annie C. O'Reilly, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1899.

Prince District. — M. Louise Fynes, Boston, first assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 4, 1899.

Washington Allston District. — Emma F. Martin, Boston, first assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 4, 1899.

Manual Training Schools. — Fannie B. Prince, Boston, assistant instructor, from Dec. 4, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Baker-street School. — Martha E. Melchert, Boston, principal, from Nov. 13, 1899.

Kenilworth-street School. — Evelyn L. Barrows, Boston, assistant, from Nov. 13, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Christopher Gibson District. — Edith M. Sandsbury, assistant, Grammar School.

Everett District. — Sara C. Linscott, assistant, Grammar School.

Franklin District. — Florence H. King, assistant, Grammar School.

Lincoln District. — Rachel W. Washburn, assistant, Primary School.

Shurtleff District. — Margaret M. Ring, assistant, Grammar School.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Anna T. Mahar, assistant, Primary School.

Washington Allston District. —Margaret A. Foley, assistant, Primary School.

Noble Kindergarten. — G. Caroline Penchard, assistant.

Laid over, under the rule.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Lowell District. — Mary V. Prendergast, assistant, Grammar School, on probation, to the same position in the Primary School, on probation, to date from Dec. 4, 1899. Susan H. Nugent, assistant, Grammar School, on probation, to the same position in the Primary School, on probation, to date from Dec. 4. 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments of instructors in the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations :

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Appointment of instructors, Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools.

Evening High School. — Instructor of Phonography, James W. Mace, Jr., Boston, from Nov. 16, 1899.

Comins School. — Assistant, Henry E. Loring, Boston, from Nov. 20, 1899.

Dearborn School. — Assistant, Helen S. Murphy, Boston, from Oct. 18, 1899.

Lincoln School. — Assistant, William W. Howe, Boston, from Nov. 6, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence granted; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Emerson District. — Helen M. Slack, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 4, 1899, until April 1, 1900; Margaret C. Littlefield, Boston, substitute. Mary E. Plummer, first assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 4, 1899, until March 31, 1900; Florence G. Erskine, Boston, substitute.

Wells District. — Adelaide A. Rea, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 23, 1899, until March 23, 1900; Emily Frazer, Boston, substitute.

Instructor of Sewing. — Catharine L. Bigelow, from Dec. 1, 1899, until March 1, 1900; Ella L. Thomas, Boston, substitute.

Walnut-street Kindergarten. — Mary B. Morse. principal, from Dec. 1, 1899, until March 1, 1900.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Christopher Gibson District. — Mary C. Drum, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 4, 1899.

Eliot District. — Mary W. Bonython, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 24, 1899.

Rules suspended.

The employment of the teachers named was approved, under a suspension of the rules.

The report of the Superintendent of the teachers appointed to these positions was placed on file.

REAPPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Adams District. — Florence E. Marshall, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 4, 1899.

Lyman District. — Jessie L. Adams, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 12, 1899.

Sherwin District. — Mary F. Sullivan, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 4, 1899.

Washington Allston District. — Grace Hammond, Cambridge, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 11, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

HEAD MASTER, NORMAL SCHOOL.

Appointment of head master of Normal School.

The Superintendent presented for approval, the appointment of Wallace C. Boyden, Newton, as head master of the Normal School, to date from Dec. 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

Expenditure for additional signal gongs for Benjamin Dean School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to expend an amount not exceeding twenty-eight dollars ($28) for additional signal gongs required for the Benjamin Dean School-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Execution of contract for paving yard of Webster-avenue Primary School-house.

Ordered, The the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Simpson Bros. Corporation, in the sum of eight hundred fifty dollars ($850) for paving the yard of the Webster-avenue Primary School, Brighton.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Additional appropriation for South Boston, Dorchester and West Roxbury High School-houses.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriations be made:

South Boston High School-house, additional . .	$20,000 00
New Dorchester High School-house, additional . .	20,000 00
West Roxbury High School-house addition, additional	37,433 02

Rules suspended.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on School Houses; hand rail on steps of temporary building in yard of Gibson School-house. [See p. 460.]

Mr. Berridge, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Nov. 14 — an order that a hand rail be placed on the steps of the temporary building in the yard of the Gibson School-house on School street, reported that the matter has been attended to, and no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; laying of sidewalk in front of Wyman School-house. [See p. 411.]

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 24 — a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, stating that if the School Committee will furnish bricks for the sidewalk in front of the Wyman School-house, the Street Department will lay them, reported that arrangements have been made for laying the sidewalk in front of this building, and no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted.

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, offered the following:

Order of addition to contract of James Hyde.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Hyde, for mason and other work at the Frothingham School, Charlestown, in the sum of two hundred fourteen and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($214.50) for additional excavating, brick and boiler work, plastering, painting, etc., required.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appointment of janitors.

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, reported for the approval of the Board the following appointments:

JANITORS.

Wells School. — Charles D. Gallagher, from Oct. 1, 1899.

Wells Evening School. — Charles D. Gallagher, from Sept. 25, 1899.

33 Chambers-street School. — Charles D. Gallagher, from Oct. 30, 1899.

323 Washington-street School. — Thomas Kinsley, from Nov. 11, 1899.

Accepted, and the appointments approved.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That the sessions of the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools be suspended on Friday evening, Dec. 1, 1899, and that the salaries of the teachers in these schools be allowed and paid for said evening.

Suspension of session of Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools on evening of Dec. 1, 1899.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, to whom was referred — Nov. 14 — that part of the revised Course of Study for the Primary Schools relating to drawing, reported that they have carefully examined that portion of the course, and recommend its adoption.

Report of Committee on Drawing; portion of revised Primary School Course of Study relating to drawing. [See p. 459.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That Sara M. Baker, assistant in the Sherwin Grammar School, be placed on the maximum salary of her grade, dating from Dec. 1, 1899.

Salary of Sara M. Baker.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Dora W. Rohlsen, assistant, Primary School, Everett District, be paid twenty-four dollars ($24) for extra services.

Salary of Dora W. Rohlsen.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Mayhew School be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum, to date from Dec. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of janitor of Mayhew School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Michael J. Crowley.

Ordered, That there be paid to Michael J. Crowley, the sum of forty-three dollars ($43) per month, for services rendered as janitor of the Wait School, during the months of October and November, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Mary A. Walsh.

Ordered, That there be paid to Mary A. Walsh, the sum of one hundred eighty-six and $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars ($186.33) for services as temporary janitor of the Benjamin Dean School, from Sept. 5 to Dec. 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of Ruphine A. Morris.

Ordered, That Ruphine A. Morris, principal of the Longfellow Kindergarten, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from Nov. 14, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of attendant in Thomas N. Hart Kindergarten.

Ordered, That the salary of the attendant in the Thomas N. Hart Kindergarten be fixed at the rate of fifty cents ($0.50) for each day of actual service, to date from Dec. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Proposed amendment to Regulations; teachers in excess of number allowed.

Ordered, That the Regulations be so amended as to provide for the employment of teachers in excess of the number now allowed, as follows:

(1.) In grammar schools of less than 700 pupils registered, one teacher for departmental work.

(2.) In grammar schools of 700 or more pupils registered, two teachers for departmental work.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr Gallivan offered the following:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended so as to provide for the employment of teachers in the Third Division on the basis of thirty-five pupils to a teacher.

Proposed amendment to Regulations; thirty-five pupils to a teacher in Third Division schools.

Referred to the Joint Committee on Rules and Regulations and Third Division.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Ordered, That Mary B. Pope, principal of the Bailey-street Kindergarten, be placed on the second year of her grade from Sept. 13, 1899.

Salary of Mary B. Pope.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, to whom was referred — Nov. 14 — an order relative to the erection of a wall and fence on the lot of the new Primary School-house at Forest Hills, reported that they have duly considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on Eighth Division; execution of order of addition to contract of G. A. Cahill. [See page 450.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of G. A. Cahill, for erecting the new Primary School-house, Forest Hills, in the sum of one thousand six hundred and thirty seven and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($1,637.50) for erecting wall and fence at rear of lot, and providing temporary wooden steps.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, offered the following:

Ordered, That an additional assistant be allowed in the Horace Mann School.

Additional assistant, Horace Mann School.

Referred to the Committee on the Horace Mann School.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on the Horace Mann School be authorized to expend the sum of one hundred fifty dollars ($150) during the current school year,

Expenditure for instruction in typesetting and printing, Horace Mann School.

for providing instruction in typesetting and printing to the pupils of said school.

Laid over, under the rule.

Annual report of Committee on Horace Mann School.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, presented the annual report of that committee in print (School Document No. 11, 1899).

Accepted.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Courses of Study and Text Books, offered the following:

Reprint of Grammar School Course of Study. Rules suspended.

Ordered, That two thousand copies of the Course of Study, Grammar Schools, School Document No. 16, 1891, be printed.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, it was

Transportation of children to and from school.

Ordered, That the Superintendent be requested to take such action as may be necessary to prevent all public school pupils on their way to and from school, from riding either in smoking or baggage cars, or on the platforms of steam and electric cars.

Report of Committee on Music; portion of revised Primary School Course of Study relating to music. [See p. 459.]

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Music, to whom was referred — Nov. 14 — that part of the revised Course of Study for the Primary Schools pertaining to instruction in music, reported that they propose to recommend to the Board at no distant date a general plan of instruction in music in all the schools, which may involve more or less change in the particular course referred for their consideration. Your committee, however, do not desire to delay the publication of the whole Primary School Course of Study on this account, and therefore recommend the adoption of that part of said course relating to the subject of music, pending the preparation of the general plan herein referred to.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Adoption of revised Primary School Course of Study. [See p. 459.]

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the revised Course of Study for the Primary Schools, as presented at the meeting of Nov. 14, was adopted.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Courses of Study and Text Books, offered the following:

Ordered, That two thousand copies of the revised Course of Study for Primary Schools be printed as a School Document.

Revised Course of Study for Primary Schools to be printed.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Music, offered the following:

Ordered, That the position of Director of Music be, and the same hereby is, created.

Position of Director of Music created.

The Chair ruled that the passage of the order would require a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the rules were suspended and the order passed.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the Director of Music be established at the rate of three thousand dollars ($3,000) per annum.

Salary of Director of Music.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Berridge, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Nov. 14 — an order that the salary of the janitor of the Albert Palmer School be fixed at the rate of seven hundred eighty dollars ($780) per annum, reported that they have given this matter attention, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on School Houses; salary of janitor of Albert Palmer School. [See p. 456.]

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Albert Palmer School be fixed at the rate of seven hundred twenty dollars ($720) per annum, to date from Sept. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, it was

Ordered, That the gift of six pictures to the Frederic A. Whitney School, by the Brighthelmstone Club be accepted, and that the cordial thanks of the Board be

Gift of pictures from Brighthelmstone Club to Frederic A. Whitney School.

extended to the Club for this evidence of their continued interest in the public schools.

Mr. Bowdlear, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Piano for Baker-street and Frederic A. Whitney Kindergartens.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to furnish a piano for the Baker-street and Frederic A. Whitney Kindergartens.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Bowdlear, for the same committee, it was

Presentation of portrait of Artemas Wiswall to Charles Sumner School

Ordered, That the portrait of Artemas Wiswall, a former master of the Charles Sumner School, presented to that school by the Charles Sumner School Association, be accepted, and that the thanks of this Board be extended to the Association for their generous and welcome gift.

On motion of Mr Calderwood, it was

Date of resignation and appointment of Thomas G. Rees.

Ordered, That the resignation of Thomas G. Rees as sub-master in the Comins District, and his appointment as junior-master in the Mechanic Arts High School, date from Sept. 18, 1899, instead of from Sept. 13, 1899.

Report of Committee on High Schools; death of Richard F. Sullivan.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, reported the death of Richard F. Sullivan, late teacher of commercial branches in the Charlestown High School, which occurred on Nov. 25, 1899.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, it was

Additional ungraded class in Eliot District.

Ordered, That an additional ungraded class be allowed in the Eliot District, making nine in all.

Communications from Board of Health; sanitary condition of Maverick Church Chapel and Sherwin School-house.

The Chair presented communications from the Board of Health dated Nov. 23 and Nov. 27, 1899 respectively, with regard to the sanitary condition of the Maverick Church Chapel, East Boston (used for school purposes), and the Sherwin School-house, Roxbury.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

BOSTON, MASS, November 23, 1899.

Communication from family of Dr. Dunton.

Mrs. Dunton, Miss Dunton and Mr. Dunton wish to express their thanks to the School Board of Boston for the beautiful tribute of flowers sent to their father on the first of this month.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Dec. 12, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Aldrich, Fleischer, McDonald, and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Bowdlear, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Appointments, confirmations, and transfers laid over, approved.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments, confirmations and transfers presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, with the exception of the appointment of the head-master of the Normal School, which appointment required approval by ballot.

Mr. Kenny offered the following:

Employment of teachers in excess of number allowed under rules.

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The appointments, confirmations and transfers were approved.

Appointment of head-master of Normal School. [See p. 471.]

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointment of head-master of the Normal School, and that under the rules the approval of such appointment must be by ballot.

Mr. Burrill moved that the Board proceed to ballot.

Mr. McDonough moved as an amendment that the election of head-master of the Normal School be assigned for two weeks.

Mr. McDonough's motion to assign was declared passed by a vote of 11 to 4.

Mr. Courtney doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered for its verification.

Mr. McDonough's motion to assign for two weeks passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Berridge, Brett, Campbell, Coolidge, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonough and Merritt — 12.

Nays: Messrs. Bennett, Bowdlear, Burrill, Courtney, Huggan, and Nichols — 6.

Absent or not Voting: Messrs. Aldrich, Calderwood, Fleischer, McDonald, and Strange.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read, and successively passed:

Order of addition to contract of James Hyde. [See p. 472.]

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Hyde, for mason and other work at the Frothingham School, Charlestown, in the sum of two hundred fourteen and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($214.50) for additional excavating, brick and boiler work, plastering, painting, etc., required.

Order of addition to contract of G. A. Cahill. [See pp. 450, 475.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of G. A. Cahill, for erecting the new Primary School-house, Forest Hills, in the sum of one thousand six hundred and thirty-seven and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($1,637.50) for erecting wall and fence at rear of lot, and providing temporary wooden steps.

Expenditure for instruction in typesetting and printing, Horace Mann School. [See p. 475.]

Ordered, That the Committee on the Horace Mann School be authorized to expend the sum of one hundred fifty dollars ($150) during the current school year, for providing instruction in typesetting and printing to the pupils of said school.

Payment to Michael J. Crowley. [See p. 474.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Michael J. Crowley, the sum of forty-three dollars ($43) per month, for

services rendered as janitor of the Wait School, during the months of October and November, 1899.

Ordered, That there be paid to Mary A. Walsh, the sum of one hundred eighty-six and $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars ($186.33), for services as temporary janitor of the Benjamin Dean School, from Sept. 5 to Dec. 1, 1899.

Payment to Mary A. Walsh. [See p. 474.]

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the salary of the Director of Music be established at the rate of three thousand dollars ($3,000) per annum.

Salary of Director of Music. [See p. 477.]

Mr. Burrill moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost.

The order passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That Ruphine A. Morris, principal of the Longfellow Kindergarten, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from Nov. 14, 1899.

Salary of Ruphine A. Morris. [See p. 474.]

Passed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land on Parker street, Roxbury.

CITY OF BOSTON,
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Dec. 5, 1899.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with William Claflin upon the sum of $19,048.45, as payment for his estate (containing 20,051 square feet) on Parker street, at Roxbury, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, October 13, 1899 (taking recorded October 17, 1899), upon the said Claflin giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners, with regard to award for land on Parker street, Roxbury.

CITY OF BOSTON,
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Dec. 12, 1899.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners desire to inform you that they have this day voted to amend the vote sent you in their letter of December 5, about payment to William Claflin for his estate, taken, for school purposes, on Parker street, by adding to the sum of $19,048.45 mentioned in such letter as payment for said estate, the amount of the taxes upon the estate for 1899.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

Report of Committee on Third Division, transfer of Gardner P. Balch. [See p. 444.]

Mr. Burrill, for the Committee on the Third Division, to whom was referred — Nov. 14 — the transfer of Gardner P. Balch, sub-master in the Eliot District, to the same position in the Robert G. Shaw District, reported that they have given the matter consideration, and recommend that the proposed transfer be approved, to date from Dec. 18, 1899.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and confirmations, for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Eliot District. — Mary W. Bonython, Boston, from Dec. 14, 1899.

Emerson District. — Edith Irving, Boston, from Nov. 27, 1899.

John A. Andrew District. — Laura D. Fisher, Boston, from Dec 5, 1899.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Ethel C. Flynn, Boston, from Dec. 13, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Charlestown High School. — Jennie V. Richardson, Boston, special teacher of commercial branches, from Nov. 27, 1899. Temporary teachers.

Martin District. — Violet O. Frederick, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 4, 1899.

Placed on file.

REAPPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Lewis District. — Beatrice L. Hadcock, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

ON PROBATION.

Eliot District. — Irving M. Norcross, Weymouth, sub-master, from Dec. 18, 1899. Teacher on probation.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

West Roxbury High School. — Rebecca Kite, assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Prince District. — Nellie E. Boyd, assistant, Primary School.

Schools of Cookery. — Emily H. Hawes, instructor.

Laid over, under the rule.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments of instructors in the Evening Elementary Schools for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Franklin School. — Assistant, Emma S. Gulliver, Brookline, from Nov. 21, 1899. Instructors, Evening Elementary Schools.

Wells School. — Assistant, Hilda Williamson, Boston, from Dec. 5, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence granted; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

English High School. — Fred R. Miller, junior-master, from Dec. 1, 1899, until March 1, 1900; John J. Cadigan Boston, substitute.

Comins District. — Marcella M. Ryan, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 4, 1899, until Jan. 13, 1900; Aloyse B. Tierney, Boston, substitute.

Dillaway District. — Marion L. Owen, Boston, substitute for Helen C. Mills, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Minot District. — Sophia W. French, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 13, 1899, until Feb. 23, 1900; Catherine G. Foley, Boston, substitute.

Rice Training School. — Edith F. Parry, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 1, 1899, until Jan. 1, 1900; Theresa F. Dupree, Boston, substitute.

Washington Allston District. — Grace E. Nickerson, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 1, 1899, until Jan. 1, 1900; Fannie B. Sanderson, Boston, substitute.

Kindergartens.

Walnut-street School. — Sarah C. Bullard, Boston, substitute for Mary B. Morse, principal, granted leave of absence.

Winchell School. — Caroline C. Voorhees, principal, from Jan. 1, 1900, until May 1, 1900.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, accompanied by written statements of the reasons

for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Eliot District. — Theresa Currie, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 14, 1899. Temporary teacher.

The employment of the teacher named was approved, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

The report of the Superintendent of the teacher appointed to this position was placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Roxbury High School. — Florence L. Carter, Watertown, assistant to the teacher of physical culture, from Dec. 4, 1899. Teachers on probation.

Robert G. Shaw District. — F. Mabel Cassidy, Boston, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Nov. 13, 1899.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Tileston District. — Helen A. Fernald, Boston, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Dec. 4, 1899.

Special Class. — Harriet E. Lyman, Boston, from Dec. 13, 1899.

Assistant Instructor of Music. — Mary L. McNulty, Boston, from Jan. 2, 1900.

Laid over, under the rule.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC.

The Superintendent presented for approval the appointment of James M. McLaughlin, Boston, as Director of Music, to date from Jan. 2, 1900. Director of Music.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a new Primary School-house on Parker street, Roxbury, prepared by Wilson & Webber, architects, having been ap- Approval of plans and specifications for new Primary School-house, Roxbury.

proved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Wilson & Webber are hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
Dec. 12, 1899.

To the Committee on New Buildings:

SIRS, — I have examined with care the plans, five in number, and the specifications for the proposed primary school-house on Parker street, Roxbury district; said plans having been made and said specifications having been drawn by Wilson & Webber, architects, No. 49 Mason Building, Boston. To them I hereby give my approval.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order was laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, it was

Committee on New Buildings to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be permitted to present their annual report in print.

Report of Committee on School Houses; resignation and appointments of janitors.

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on School Houses, reported the following resignation and appointments:

JANITORS.

(*Resignation.*)

Union-street School. — Walter B. Durgin, from Dec. 1, 1899.

Accepted.

(*Appointments.*)

Austin School. — Charles L. Glidden, from Oct. 7, 1899.

Bailey-street Annex and 86 Milton-avenue Schools. — A. Benson Rowe, from Dec. 13, 1899.

Benjamin Dean School. — Mary A. Walsh, from Dec. 1, 1899.

399 Saratoga street. — Edward C. Chessman, from Nov. 10, 1899.

Wait School. — Charles O. Newell, from Dec. 18, 1899.

Accepted, and the appointments approved.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following:

Expenditure of income of donation of Linus B. Comins for benefit of Comins Grammar School.

Ordered, That the income of the donation of Linus B. Comins, for the benefit of the Comins Grammar School, be expended in the purchase of books for the library of said school, under the direction and with the approval of the Committee on the Seventh Division.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, offered the following:

Proposed amendment of section 210 of Regulations.

Ordered, That section 210 of the Regulations be amended so as to provide that in connection with the recess period there shall be as little delay on the part of pupils in leaving as in re-entering the school building.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on High Schools; admittance of girls to Mechanic Arts High School.

The Committee on High Schools, in view of the repeated applications which have been made to them to admit girls to the Mechanic Arts High School, desire to report to the Board their reasons for believing that such a course is not advisable. The limitations of the

building offer a formidable obstacle to the admission of girls. There are no rooms which can be devoted to the special courses which should be substituted for that part of the present shop work which it is clearly impracticable for girls to take up. The lockers and toilet-rooms are adapted to the exclusive use of boys, and it is impossible to provide suitable accommodations for any considerable number of girls. Moreover, it is highly probable that the school will not be able to accommodate all of the boys who will apply for admission next September. Your committee therefore recommend that it is inexpedient to admit girls to the Mechanic Arts High School.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Salary of Harlan P. Ford.

Ordered, That Harlan P. Ford, assistant, Grammar School, in the Robert G. Shaw District, be placed upon the third year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 14, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of Edith L. Phelan.

Ordered, That Edith L. Phelan, principal of the Greenwood Hall Kindergarten, be placed on the second year of service in her rank, to date from Oct. 2, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Mary B. Pope. [See p. 475.]

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 28 — an order that Mary B. Pope, principal of the Bailey-street Kindergarten, be placed on the second year of her grade, from Sept. 13, 1899, reported that they have given the matter their attention, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Mary B. Pope, principal of the Bailey-street Kindergarten, be placed on the second year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Dora W. Rohlsen. [See p. 473.]

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 28 — an order that Dora W. Rohlsen, assistant, Primary School, in the Everett District, be paid twenty-four dollars ($24) for extra services, reported that they have given the matter attention, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Dora W. Rohlsen, assistant, Primary School, Everett District, be paid twenty-four dollars ($24) for extra services.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of teacher of second special class.

Ordered, That the salary of the teacher of the second special class, authorized by the Board Nov. 14, be fixed at the rate of seven hundred ninety-two dollars ($792) per annum, to date from Dec. 13, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of janitor of Bailey-street Annex and 86 Milton avenue Schools.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Bailey-street Annex and of 86 Milton avenue Schools, be fixed at the rate of one hundred twenty dollars ($120) each per annum, to date from Dec. 13, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of janitor of Austin School.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Austin School be fixed at the rate of two hundred forty dollars ($240) per annum, to date from Oct. 7, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of janitor of 399 Saratoga-street School.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of 399 Saratoga-street School be fixed at the rate of one hundred twenty dollars ($120) per annum, to date from Nov. 10, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Thomas W. Kenney.

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas W. Kenney, the sum of fifty-two dollars ($52) for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall, from Sept. 22 to Dec. 22, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Patrick F. Higgins.

Ordered, That there be paid to Patrick F. Higgins, the sum of four and $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars ($4.40) for extra services rendered as janitor of the Hyde School since Sept. 1, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Second Division, death of Annie F. McMahon.

Mr. Berridge, for the Committee on the Second Division, reported the death of Annie F. McMahon, late assistant, grammar school, Bunker Hill District, which occurred on Dec. 4, 1899.

Accepted.

Mr. McDonough offered the following:

Commemorative exercises to be held in schools on Dec. 14, 1899.

Ordered, That the masters of the several schools and districts be requested to hold commemorative exercises on Thursday, Dec. 14, 1899, from 11 to 12 o'clock, said day being the one hundredth anniversary of the death of George Washington, and that the afternoon session of the schools be suspended.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Accounts; supernumerary teachers. [See pp. 460, 461.]

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Nov. 14 — a communication presented to the School Board by the Superintendent of Schools concerning supernumerary teachers, and more especially, whether in the absence of peculiar condi-

tions, a vacancy shall be filled when, by its not being filled, a teacher in the school would cease to be supernumerary, reported that they have carefully considered the matter, and they recommend that, owing to the financial outlook for the coming year (1900-1901) vacancies occurring in schools having supernumerary teachers should not be filled during the current school year.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; additional teachers for departmental work. [See pp. 474, 475.]

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Nov. 28 — an order that the Regulations be amended so as to provide for the employment of additional teachers for departmental work in the Grammar Schools, reported that they have duly considered the matter, and are in favor of allowing the employment of one additional teacher, not necessarily for departmental work, in schools having four hundred pupils or more, and they accordingly recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 151, paragraph 3. Insert after the word "pupils" in the eighthline, the following: A further additional teacher may be appointed in schools in which not less than four hundred pupils are registered, so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

3. Beside the principal, each Grammar School of one hundred pupils, or more, shall be allowed one instructor, of whatever rank, for every fifty-six pupils registered; but in schools of less than one hundred, the principal shall be included in the complement of teachers. An additional teacher may be appointed when there is an excess of thirty pupils recorded, or one may be removed when there is a deficiency of thirty pupils. A further additional teacher may be appointed in schools in which not less than four hundred pupils are registered. One ungraded class may be established in each Grammar School District, for the instruction of children who, from age or other reason, are unqualified for the regular grades of the Primary and Grammar Schools. Additional ungraded classes may be established by the

Board in any district, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. In ungraded classes one teacher shall be allowed for thirty-five pupils. The number of teachers herein allowed shall not be exceeded, unless the proper grading of the school, or the insufficiency of the seating capacity of the school-rooms, shall require such excess.

The report was accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Music, it was

American system of Music to be placed in Primary Schools.

Ordered, That the American System of Music, which is already upon the authorized list, be placed and taught in the Primary Schools.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Second sub-master in Christopher Gibson School.

Ordered, That a econd sub-master be allowed in the Christopher Gibson School.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Communication from Chief of District Police; boilers in school-houses.

The Chair read a communication from the Chief of the District Police, under date of Dec. 8, relative to boilers in school-houses.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Dec. 26, 1899.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. Fleischer.

On motion of Mr. Brett, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Appointments and confirmations laid over, approved.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, with the exception of the appointment of head-master of the Normal School, and the appointment of Director of Music, which appointments required approval by ballot.

Mr. Burrill offered the following:

Employment of teachers in excess of number allowed under rules.

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The appointments and confirmations were approved.

Ballot for Director of Music.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, the Board proceeded to ballot on the election of Director of Music.

The Chair appointed Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Keller and Mr. Courtney a committee to receive, sort and count the votes. The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice, 13; Leonard B. Marshall had 1 vote; James M. McLaughlin had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Director of Music, to date from Jan. 2, 1900.

Ballot for head-master of Normal School.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the Board proceeded to ballot on the election of head-master of the Normal School.

The Chair appointed Mr. Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. McDonough a committee to receive, sort and count the votes. The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice, 13; Wallace C. Boyden had 11 votes; there were 10 blanks.

There was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the Board proceeded to a second ballot.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, 13; Wallace C. Boyden had 9 votes; there were 10 blanks.

There was no choice.

Mr. Courtney moved that the election of head-master of the Normal School be referred to the next regular meeting of the Board.

Lost, by a vote of 8 to 10.

Mr. Merritt moved that the matter be recommitted to the Committee on the Normal School.

Passed, by a vote of 9 to 8.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Regulations; additional teachers for departmental work. [See pp. 474, 475, 493, 494.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 151, paragraph 3. Insert after the word "pupils" in he eighth line, the following: A further additional teacher may be appointed in schools in which not less than four hundred pupils are registered, so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

3. Beside the principal, each Grammar School of one hundred pupils, or more, shall be allowed one instructor, of whatever rank, for every fifty-six pupils registered; but in schools of less than one hundred, the principal shall be included in the complement of teachers. An additional teacher may be appointed when there is an excess of thirty pupils recorded, or one may be removed when there is a deficiency of thirty pupils. A further

additional teacher may be appointed in schools in which not less than four hundred pupils are registered. One ungraded class may be established in each Grammar School District, for the instruction of children who, from age or other reason, are unqualified for the regular grades of the Primary and Grammar Schools. Additional ungraded classes may be established by the Board in any district, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. In ungraded classes one teacher shall be allowed for thirty-five pupils. The number of teachers herein allowed shall not be exceeded, unless the proper grading of the school, or the insufficiency of the seating capacity of the school-rooms, shall require such excess.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read, and successively passed.

Ordered, That Harlan P. Ford, assistant, Grammar School, in the Robert G. Shaw District, be placed upon the third year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 14, 1899.

Salary of Harlan P. Ford. [See p. 490.]

Ordered, That Edith L. Phelan, principal of the Greenwood Hall Kindergarten, be placed on the second year of service in her rank, to date from Oct. 2, 1899.

Salary of Edith L. Phelan. [See p. 490.]

Ordered, That Mary B. Pope, principal of the Bailey-street Kindergarten, be placed on the second year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 13, 1899.

Salary of Mary B. Pope. [See pp. 475, 491.]

Ordered, That Dora W. Rohlsen, assistant, Primary School, Everett District, be paid twenty-four dollars ($24) for extra services.

Payment to Dora W. Rohlsen. [See p. 491.]

Ordered, That the salary of the teacher of the second special class, authorized by the Board Nov. 14, be fixed at the rate of seven hundred ninety-two dollars ($792) per annum, to date from Dec. 13, 1899.

Salary of teacher of second special class. [See p. 491.]

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Bailey-street Annex and of 86 Milton-avenue Schools, be fixed at the rate of one hundred twenty dollars ($120) each per annum, to date from Dec. 13, 1899.

Salary of janitor of Bailey-street Annex and 86 Milton avenue schools. [See p. 491.]

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Austin School be fixed at the rate of two hundred forty dollars ($240) per annum, to date from Oct. 7, 1899.

Salary of janitor of Austin School. [See p. 491.]

Salary of janitor of 399 Saratoga-street School. [See p. 492.]

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of 399 Saratoga-street School be fixed at the rate of one hundred twenty dollars ($120) per annum, to date from Nov. 10, 1899.

Payment to Thomas W. Kenney. [See p. 492.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas W. Kenney the sum of fifty-two dollars ($52) for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall, from Sept. 22, to Dec. 22, 1899.

Approval of plans and specifications for new Primary School-house, Roxbury. [See pp. 487, 488.]

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a new Primary school-house on Parker street, Roxbury, prepared by Wilson & Webber, architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the said Wilson & Webber are hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Expenditure of income of donation of Linus B. Comins, for benefit of Comins Grammar School. [See p. 489.]

Ordered, That the income of the donation of Linus B. Comins, for the benefit of the Comins Grammar School, be expended in the purchase of books for the library of said school, under the direction and with the approval of the Committee on the Seventh Division.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations.

Henry L. Pierce District.—Anna G. Wells, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 31, 1899.

Longfellow District.—Alice M. York, assistant, Primary School, Dec. 31, 1899.

Prince District.—M. Louise Fynes, assistant, Grammar School, Dec. 3, 1899.

Washington Allston District.—Emma F. Martin, assistant, Primary School, Dec. 3, 1899; Grace E. Nickerson, assistant, Primary School, Dec. 31, 1899.

Manual Training Schools.—Isabel Shove, J. Herman Trybom, assistant instructors, Dec. 31, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Baker-street School.—Martha E. Melchert, principal, Jan. 2, 1900.

Kenilworth-street School.—Martha E. Melchert, assistant, Nov. 12, 1899.

Accepted.

Mrs. Keller moved a suspension of the rule requiring that all appointments, confirmations and transfers presented by the Superintendent be laid over for two weeks, in order that the same might be acted upon at this meeting.

Rules suspended regarding appointments, etc., presented by Superintendent.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfers for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Dillaway District. — Florence S. Fairbrother, Boston, from Jan. 2, 1900.

Special assistant.

Approved.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Prescott District. — Agnes M. Turnbull, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 2, 1900.

Temporary teachers.

Placed on file.

REAPPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Normal School. — Mary L. Vining, Boston, assistant, from Jan. 15, 1900.

Girls' High School. — Mary H. Shed, Boston, assistant, from Jan. 15, 1900.

Mechanic Arts High School. — John M. Connolly, Cambridge, junior-master, from Jan. 15, 1900.

Agassiz District. — Gertrude V. Sharp, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 15, 1900.

Christopher Gibson District. — Caroline W. Heckle, Boston, Eleanor J. Murphy, Boston, assistants, Primary School, from Jan. 15, 1900.

Gaston District. — Katherine E. Goode, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 2, 1900.

Approved.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Charlestown High School. — Malcolm D. Barrows, Melrose, junior-master, from Dec. 11, 1899.

Christopher Gibson District. — Isabel M. Horsford, Boston, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Dec. 4, 1899.

Frothingham District. — Madeline A. Foppiano, Chelsea, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 2, 1900.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Grace M. Maher, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 18, 1899.

Kindergartens.

Charles C. Perkins School. — Mary E. Denehy, Boston, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1900.

Dudley-street School. — Martha G. Breckenridge, Boston, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1900.

Florence-street School. — Isabelle H. Earnshaw, Boston, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1900.

Paul Revere School. — Minnie A. Prescott, Boston, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1900.

Roxbury-street School. — Blanche E. Thayer, Boston, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1900.

Sharp School. — Carolyn M. Fletcher, Boston, assistant, from Dec. 11, 1899.

Unity Chapel School. — Effie M. Charnock, Boston, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1900.

William H. Kent School. — Margaret V. Meade, Boston, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1900.

Winchell School. — Mary P. Corrigan, Boston, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1900.

Approved.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers

Dorchester High School. — Frederick G. Jackson, junior-master.

Gaston District. — Agnes R. Leahy, assistant, Grammar School.

Wells District. — Alice M. Hagerty, assistant, Primary School.

Approved.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Thomas N. Hart District. — L. Idalia Provan, assistant, Grammar School, to the position of assistant, Primary School, in the Longfellow District, to date from Jan. 2, 1900.

Thomas N. Hart Kindergarten. — Alice R. Eliot, assistant, to the same position in the Frederic A. Whitney Kindergarten, to date from Jan. 2, 1900.

Approved.

Leaves of absence granted; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

East Boston High School. — Lucia R. Peabody, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1900, until Feb. 2, 1900; C. Alice Cameron, Boston, substitute.

Brimmer District. — Sarah E. Adams, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 13, 1900, until May 13, 1900; Carolyn I. Neal, Cambridge, substitute.

Dillaway District. — Helen C. Mills, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 1, 1900, until April 1, 1900; Marion L. Owen, Boston, substitute.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Mary A. Fruean, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 1, 1900, until April 1, 1900; Elnora O. C. Fossett, Boston, substitute.

Lowell District. — Mary W. Howard, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 1, 1900, until April 1, 1900.

Mary Hemenway District. — Susan J. Berigan, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 1, 1900, until May 1, 1900; Anna M. White, Boston, substitute.

Prescott District. — William H. Furber, master, from Jan. 1, 1900, until May 1, 1900.

Kindergartens.

Common-street School. — Sallie Bush, principal, from Jan. 13, 1900, until May 13, 1900.

Warren-street School. — Bertha F. Cushman, principal, from Jan. 1, 1900, until May 1, 1900.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Bowdoin District. — Edith L. Caverly, Chelsea, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 4, 1899. Mary F. Murphy, Boston, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 1, 1899.

Lyman District. — Charlotte W. Montgomery, Malden, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 4, 1899, until Dec. 22, 1899, inclusive. Ethel M. Fales, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 2, 1900.

Rules suspended.

The employment of the teachers named was approved, under a suspension of the rules.

The report of the Superintendent of the teachers appointed to these positions was placed on file.

REAPPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Charles Sumner District. — Alice C. Clapp, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 15, 1900.

Gaston District. — Florence E. Bryan, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 2, 1900.

Quincy District. — Anna T. Nolan, Boston, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 2, 1900.

Washington Allston District. — Mary A. Duston, Boston, Ella L. Sullivan, Boston, assistants, Grammar School, from Jan. 15, 1900.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

Subsequently the Superintendent presented the following appointment:

ON PROBATION.

Christopher Gibson District. — Joseph T. F. Burrell, Boston, sub-master, from Jan. 2, 1900. Teacher on probation.

Approved.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 13, 1899.) Annual report of Committee on New Buildings.

Accepted.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to approve the payment of nineteen dollars ($19) to Traverse & Schumacher for painting and tinting walls at the Bowditch School-house. Payment to Traverse & Schumacher.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of Frank G. Coburn & Co. for erecting the Dorchester High School-house, in a sum not exceeding three hundred ninety dollars ($390) for supplying built-up running traps and extension of iron-drain pipe, etc. Execution of order of addition to contract of Frank G. Coburn & Co.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Expenditure of money in connection with Frederick A. Whitney School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to expend sums not exceeding those specified below, for extra work to be done in connection with the Frederick A. Whitney School-house.

Tablet to be placed on outside of the building .	$85 00
Wickets for protection of grass plots . . .	35 00
Copper hoods for chimneys	200 00

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appropriation for two-room wooden building, Adams and Chestnut streets.

Ordered, That from the $50,000 appropriated April 26, 1898, for new Primary school-house, Thomas N. Hart District, the following transfer be made:

Wooden building, Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown, $3,220.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Additional copies of annual report of Committee on New Buildings to be printed.

Ordered, That five hundred additional copies of the annual report of the Committee on New Buildings (School Document No. 13, 1899) be printed.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Execution of order of addition to contract of James Fagan.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Fagan, for addition to and alteration of the Mechanic Arts High School-house, in the sum of five hundred forty-eight and $\frac{90}{100}$ dollars ($548.90) for altering and enlarging main ventilating shaft, providing additional overhang and louvres, and for two iron ladders to provide means of reaching roof of tower of addition.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of William Scollans, for grading around the Frederick A. Whitney School-house, to cover the following items:

Execution of order of addition to contract of William Scollans.

Building and painting fence	$200 00
Extra gravel and screening	55 00
Extra drain and digging	125 00
Total	$380 00

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Haliwell & Barry, in the sum of three thousand two hundred twenty dollars ($3,220), for erecting a two-room wooden school building on Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown District.

Execution of contract for erecting two-room wooden building on Adams and Chestnut streets.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the general contract of John S. Jacobs & Son in the sum of ten hundred sixty-five and $\frac{13}{100}$ dollars ($1,065.13), for additional mason, iron and brickwork found to be necessary.

Execution of order of addition to contract of John S. Jacobs & Son.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, reported the following resignation and appointment:

Report of Committee on School Houses; resignation and appointment of janitors.

JANITORS.

(*Resignation.*)

Old Baker-street School. — William J. Noon, from Nov. 16, 1899.

Accepted.

(*Appointment.*)

Baker-street School. — Carl F. Meyer, from Dec. 1, 1899.

Approved.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Execution of contract for furnishing Francis Parkman School.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Works in the sum of eleven hundred seventy-four and $\frac{30}{100}$ dollars ($1,174.30) for furnishing the Francis Parkman School-house, Forest Hills; said concern being the lowest bidder.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Additional expenditure for repairs and alterations upon school buildings.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to report such changes in the annual appropriation order for 1899–1900 as will result in providing an additional amount of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) to be expended for repairs and alterations upon school buildings.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Payment to Michael J. Crowley.

Ordered, That there be paid to Michael J. Crowley the sum of twenty-four and $\frac{37}{100}$ dollars ($24.37) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Wait School from Dec. 1 to Dec. 17, 1899, inclusive.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of janitor of 370 Warren-street and 4 and 6 Maywood-street Schools.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of 370 Warren-street and 4 and 6 Maywood-street Schools be fixed at the rate of two hundred forty dollars ($240) per annum, to date from Oct. 17, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Latin School be fixed at the rate of nineteen hundred twenty ($1,920) per annum, to date from Jan. 1, 1900, until otherwise ordered. Salary of janitor of Latin School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Quincy-street School (Lewis District) be fixed at the rate of seven hundred eight dollars ($708) per annum, to date from Dec. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered. Salary of janitor of Quincy-street School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Bowditch School be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred sixty dollars ($1,260) per annum, to date from Dec. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered. Salary of janitor of Bowditch School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Persis P. Drake, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the eighth year of service in her rank, to date from Dec. 22, 1899. Salary of Persis P. Drake.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Courtney offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Wallace C. Boyden the sum of thirty-seven and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($37.50) per month from Sept. 1, 1899, to Dec. 1, 1899, in addition to his regular salary as master of the Normal School, for extra services as acting head-master of said school. Payment to Wallace C. Boyden.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, the rules were suspended, and the order passed. Rules suspended.

Mr. Campbell, for the Committee on the Annual Report, offered the following: Edition of Annual Report for 1899.

Ordered, That two thousand copies of the Report of

the Committee on the Annual Report for 1899 be printed.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training; asphalting of School-house court, Ward 4. [See pp. 153, 154.]

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, to whom was referred — Apr. 11 — an order that School-house court, Ward 4, leading from Charles street (a paved street), and used as a street of entry by pupils attending the Bunker Hill Grammar and Primary Schools, which court is more than twenty-five feet in width, be asphalted, in the interests of the health of the children and for the promotion of cleanliness, reported that no further action is necessary with regard to the matter, at the present time.

Accepted.

Report of Joint Committee on High and Normal Schools; advisability of establishing Girls' Latin and Normal Schools in one building. [See p. 459.]

Mr. Calderwood, for the Joint Committee on High and Normal Schools, to whom was referred — Nov. 14 — an order requesting them to consider and report to this Board as soon as may be, upon the advisability of establishing the Girls' Latin School and Normal School in the same building, reported that the plan suggested is, in their judgment, open to many and serious objections. Each of these schools is conducted by a different head-master, has its own corps of teachers and pupils, and follows a separate and distinct course of study. The Normal School has for a number of years experienced the disadvantages of being compelled to conduct its work under the same roof with another school, and this fact has repeatedly been used as an argument in favor of obtaining a sufficient appropriation for the building of a new Normal School-house, which has recently been granted by the Legislature.

The Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools have also been compelled to divide the accommodations of one building until the growth of both compelled the removal of a part of one to hired accommodations, but the connection between these two schools, which are both under one head, is closer than could exist between either one of them and the Normal School.

The only argument in favor of the proposed plan would be the saving of expense in the construction of one building instead of two, while in all other respects it is the opinion, not only of the committee, but of the principals immediately concerned as well, that the plan would be to the advantage of neither school, and of detriment to both.

Your committee believe, however, that it would probably be advisable to erect a separate building for each school upon a common site, if one suitable for the purpose can be obtained, as in the case of the Latin and English High Schools, thus permitting a saving of expense in land, and in the heating and ventilating apparatus, etc.

Your committee are therefore of the opinion that it is inexpedient to establish the Girls' Latin School and Normal School in the same building, and so recommend to the Board.

Mr. Brett presented the following minority report, signed by himself:

Minority report.

The undersigned, a minority of the Joint Committee on High Schools and the Normal School, to whom was referred an order relative to the establishment of the Normal and Girls' Latin Schools in the same building, begs leave to submit the following report:

The Girls' Latin School is now domiciled partly in the Girls' High School and partly in the Chauncey Hall School building, leased by the city at a large rental, so that new and adequate quarters for this school must soon be provided. The question is, therefore, whether it is not advisable, instead of erecting two separate buildings, to establish the Girls' Latin School and the Normal School under the same roof. No difficulty is presented by the size of the schools. There are now in attendance at the Girls' Latin School about 375 scholars, and at the Normal School about 285, together they number about 660 scholars. They are both relatively small schools, and it is not unfair to assume, from the peculiar work of each, that they will continue to remain so. The studies of the Latin School are not of the most popular order, and besides the completion of the new High School building where instruction in the classics may also be obtained, will have no slight effect in retarding the growth of this school. The Normal School, as it affords a training for but a single profession, must of necessity remain of limited size. It would seem, therefore, to be an easy matter to erect a building sufficiently large to accommodate both schools for several years to come. The building might be so constructed that there would be reserved for each school a portion removed from that occupied by the other. There might be separate entrances. There need be no clashing, nor confusion, nor interference. The functions of each school might be performed with perfect freedom and unimpaired efficiency. So that, though tenants of the same building, the schools would be in effect distinct and independent.

The chief advantage in a joint occupation of one building would be the immense saving of money that would be effected. The lot of land required would be of about the same area as that authorized for the new Normal School, as the lot of the Girls'

High School which was built to accommodate 925 scholars, but in which there are to-day some 1,200, contains but 30,500 square feet. Hence there would be a saving of almost the entire cost of a school-house site. And as the school would probably be located in the Back Bay District, this may be set down as in the neighborhood of $100,000. The cost of one large building would be considerably less than that of two separate smaller buildings, and this would be further reduced by providing certain appurtenances as, for instance, the hall and the gymnasium, to be used in common by both schools. At any rate, a single heating system would suffice. So that in the building itself, a saving would result which may be roughly estimated at $100,000.

The plan presents a further advantage in the fact that the large building would afford an opportunity for finer architectural effect, and when completed would be a more imposing ornament in our city.

It is the opinion of the Superintendent that the plan proposed is practicable, that the disparity in the ages of the Latin and Normal scholars is a consideration of little importance, and that the operation of the plan should cause no embarrassment to the several schools, nor prove a detriment to their successfu work.

The measure of saving to the city is dependent, to a considerable extent, on the economies which a single building would permit. Objection, however, has been made to a single hall for both schools. Inasmuch as the scholars of the Girls' Latin School, as stated by the master of the school, assemble in the hall but three times a week for opening exercises lasting fifteen minutes, and otherwise, during the year, only on a few occasions when public or special exercises are held, and as the needs of the Normal School in this regard are probably no greater, it would seem that as far as actual use is concerned, a separate hall for each school is unnecessary, and that the programs of the schools, relative to exercises in the hall, might be easily adjusted to prevent collision. Indeed, this objection was not pressed with very great force. It was said further, as the most important consideration, that unless each school had a hall which was exclusively its own, there would be no development among the scholars of a sentiment of loyalty and affection for the school, and that upon graduation the scholars would lose interest in the school and in its welfare. It will be observed that this objection is purely sentimental. To say that the hall, which the scholars rarely visit, is the *sine qua non* for the creation of a spirit which will bind past graduates to the school, would seem to be somewhat of an exaggeration, for it makes no account of the associations and the intimacies of the school-room, nor of the potent personal influence of the teachers, two factors of no slight importance.

As an objection to the single gymnasium, it was said that when the schools had considerably increased it would be impossible for one gymnasium to accommodate, for the time required each week, all the scholars in classes of 35 or 40. But, it is submitted, there is no necessity for the classes remaining of that size. It is the opinion of the Director of Physical Training that, in a gymnasium no larger than that of the English High School, classes numbering even 75 or 80 can be conducted in their physical exercises, by one teacher no less smoothly and with equal profit to the scholars, as classes of 35 or 40; that classes of the larger size are not uncommon elsewhere, and that there is no special efficacy in a small class.

The undersigned for these reasons believes that the plan proposed is feasible, and that it possesses certain advantages, that the objections to it are of doubtful value and not prohibitory, and that therefore it is worthy of adoption.

Mr. Brett moved that both reports be laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson moved as an amendment that the reports be printed in the Minutes, and laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson's motion to amend passed.

Mr. Brett's motion as amended passed.

Mr. Berridge offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Rose A. Carrigan, assistant instructor of music, the sum of eighty dollars ($80) for extra services rendered in the Normal School from Sept. 1 to Dec. 22, 1899.

Payment to Rose A. Carrigan.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield it was

Ordered, That all unfinished business at the close of this meeting be referred to the next School Board.

Unfinished business referred.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following:

Ordered, That the amount due Richard F. Sullivan, deceased, late special teacher of commercial branches in the Charlestown High School, and instructor of phonography and typewriting in the Evening High School, be paid to his widow, Mary W. Sullivan.

Salary due Richard F. Sullivan, deceased.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Recess.

At nine o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Coolidge, the Board took a recess of ten minutes.

The Board reassembled at 9.18 o'clock P.M.

Report of Committee on Accounts; expenditure of additional amount for school-house repairs during current financial year. [See p. 437.]

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 24 — an order passed by the Board that this committee be instructed to report such changes in the annual appropriation order for 1899–1900 as will result in providing an additional amount of forty thousand dollars ($40,000) to be expended for school-house repairs during the current financial year, reported that after careful investigation they are of the opinion that it is inexpedient and unwise to make, at the present time, the change asked for in the appropriation order for 1899–1900. The committee, therefore recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Accounts; additional expenditure for repairs and alterations on school buildings. [See p. 506.]

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 26 — an order that this committee be requested to report such changes in the annual appropriation order for 1899–1900 as will result in providing an additional amount of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) to be expended for repairs and alterations upon school buildings, reported that they have considered the matter and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be transferred to the item Repairs and Alterations upon School Buildings in the annual appropriation order for 1899–1900, the sum of fifteen thousand five hundred dollars ($15,500), divided as follows: from the item Salaries of Instructors, eight thousand dollars ($8,000); from the item Salaries of Janitors, one thousand dollars ($1,000); from the item Fuel, Gas and Water, fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500); and from the item Supplies and Incidentals, five thousand dollars ($5,000), making the total appropriation

for Repairs and Alterations upon School Buildings, two hundred and eighty-three thousand dollars ($283,000.)

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Burrill moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the foregoing order was declared passed, hoping the same would not prevail.

Lost.

Mr. Merritt offered the following:

Ordered, That the thanks of the Board be presented to Mr. Henry D. Huggan, the President of the Board, for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Board. Vote of thanks to President of Board.

Mr. Courtney in the chair.

The order passed unanimously by a rising vote.

The President in the chair.

The President responded briefly and courteously.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the Board adjourned *sine die*. Adjournment.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

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